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► From left, Aaron Brown, John Benoit, Lou Cimaglia, and Vietnam veterans Robert Freeland and Ed Walsh.

▼ Jack Moore, 99+ year-old WWII veteran, enjoys the parade from his front yard in his uniform.
(Courtesy photo by Kimberly Maynard)



Rolling parade to honor WWII veterans

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Sept. 2, the 75th anniversary of WWII, the Wilmington Department of Veterans Services had a Patriotic Rolling Parade of classic cars that drove by the homes of WWII veterans to show its appreciation of The Greatest Generation.

The department would like to thank the police and fire departments as well as Aaron Brown,

John and Cindy Benoit from the Bay Street Riders for the escort; Henry Diorio, Butch Alpers, Jason Kennedy, Tom Pazyra, all of the drivers, and all of the residents who came out to watch.

Wilmington will never forget those who served this country and fought for the freedoms we enjoy and sometimes take for granted today.

Over 20 classic cars assemble at the 4th of July parking lot for Wilmington's celebration of the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII.



Massachusetts state trooper

Wilmington's Devlin dies after injuries sustained in the line-of-duty

WILMINGTON - "It is with great sadness that we announce the line-of-duty death of Trooper Thomas W. Devlin, 58, who passed away today from injuries he suffered when he was struck by a motorist two years ago," the Massachusetts State Police announced.

On the afternoon of July 26, 2018, Trooper Devlin, while on patrol out of the State Police-Concord Barracks, conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 3 in Billerica. While he was outside of his cruiser, he was struck by another motorist and suffered severe injuries.

The driver of the vehicle that struck him, a Haverhill man, was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and failure to move over for an emergency vehicle.

Trooper Devlin underwent many surgeries, and Sept. 3, 2020, after a courageous battle, he succumbed to those injuries.

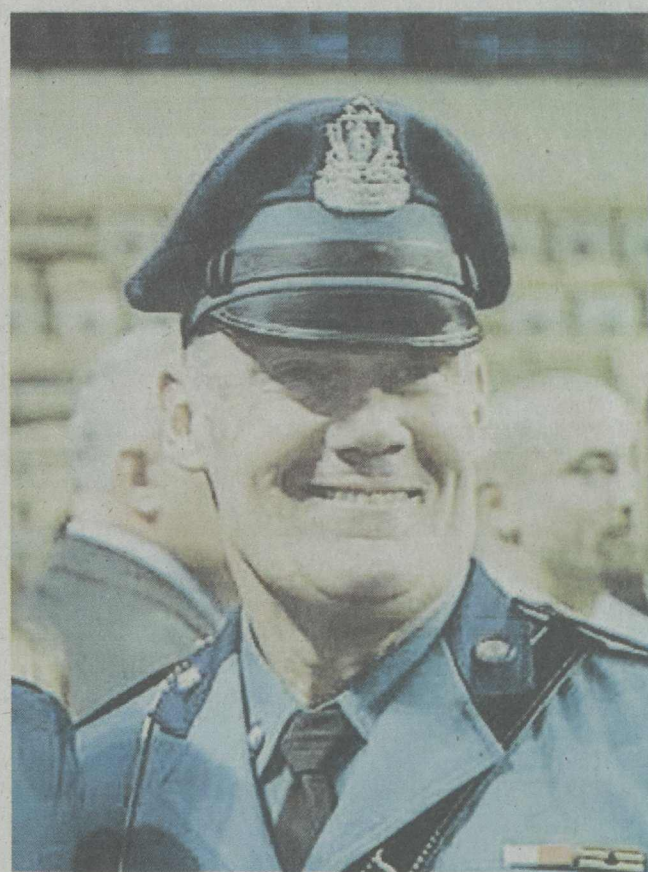
"Trooper Thomas Devlin upheld the highest ideals of the Massachusetts State Police: integrity, dedication to duty, and service to others," said Massachusetts State Police Colonel Christopher S. Mason. "He loved and respected the job, and the job loved and respected him. Above all, he was utterly devoted to his family, and epitomized what it meant to be a loving husband and father. Trooper Devlin was known in the Department for his hard work, his rock solid character, and his commitment to being a reliable friend, co-worker and public servant — a Trooper who could be counted on by his colleagues and

the public. It was in service to the public, in the act of keeping our roads safe, that he gave his last, and the ultimate, sacrifice. We are lesser today for his loss and we will miss his smile."

Trooper Devlin was a member of the 66th Recruit Training Troop, graduating from the State Police Academy on Dec. 6, 1985. He was assigned for much of his career to the Concord Barracks.

He is survived by his beloved wife Nancy, his sons Matthew and Paul, and his daughters Rachel and Hannah.

Funeral arrangements are pending.



▲ TROOPER THOMAS DEVLIN (Courtesy photo)

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Wilmington Virtual Library News:

Library to host NYT best-selling author Fredrik Backman

Adult Programs

Author Talk with
Fredrik Backman

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Bestselling author Fredrik Backman will discuss his brand new book — *Anxious People* — in conversation with moderator Jo Golden in a Zoom webinar. Fredrik Backman is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, *Britt-Marie Was Here*, *Bear-town*, *Us Against You*, *Things My Son Needs to Know* about the World and two novellas, *And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer* and *The Deal of a Lifetime*. His books are published in more than forty countries. *Anxious People* is a poignant comedy about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.

WCTV Live:

Further On Up
the Road — History
of the Blues Guitar

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.
Join guitarist Paul Spei-

del as he tells the history and plays the blues guitar from country fingerstyle to uptown swing through rockin' R&B. The guitar has been the instrument of the Blues, and the Blues has been the source for all these great American musical styles. Pieces by classic artists are emphasized, with brief introductions and explanations of the music. Shown live on WCTV on Comcast 9/Verizon 37 and online at WCTV.org/live.

Novel Ideas
Fiction Book Group

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book, *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter

Poetry Circle

Saturday, Sept. 19 at 9:15 a.m.

Do you enjoy writing poetry? Want input on your work? If so, this group is for you. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Assistant Director Charlotte Wood at cwood@wilmlibrary.org. Please in-

clude the title of the program in the subject heading.

Author Talk:

Kyle Mills

(Vince Flynn's Mitch
Rapp Series)

Saturday, Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

In this Zoom webinar, bestselling author Kyle Mills will discuss his brand new book *Total Power*, the latest in the popular Mitch Rapp series created by the late Vince Flynn. Kyle Mills is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of nineteen political thrillers, including *Red War* for Vince Flynn and *The Patriot Attack* for Robert Ludlum. Mills has now written six books for the popular Mitch Rapp series, carrying on the beloved character created by the late Vince Flynn.

One on One

Virtual Tech Help
with Brad

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

If you are having an issue with a piece of technology or have some questions about something before you go out and buy it, register for a one-on-one session with Technology Librarian, Brad McKenna

Library on the Lawn

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

and Thursdays 5 - 7 p.m.

Would you like to browse and checkout books and DVDs? Be sure to stop by the front of the library to peruse carts of adult, teen, and children's materials. Masks are required and we ask all to respect social distancing. This event will not take place during inclement weather.

Youth Programs

Read Aloud Book Club
Books for a
Better World

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

Do you miss reading and listening to stories with your friends at the library? Then this read-aloud book club is for you! Sit back and relax as Barbara reads you lots of different books about lots of different kids on Zoom. Grades 1-5.

Zen Gardens
Crafternoon

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Register to reserve your take-home kit to pick up via curbside the week of the session, and join Britany for a Zoom tutorial on day of the program. Using sand, an air plant, and river rocks, create a zen garden you'll find relaxing to landscape (with a tiny bamboo rake). Technology Librarian Brad will share

some meditation techniques sure to center you, too! Grades 4-12.

Online LEGO Club

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.

Build LEGOs (or whatever building materials you have at your house) at the same time as other LEGO fans online. At the end, you can share what you made during the time, and show one other item that you may have already built at home. Ages 5+.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

This storytime for preschoolers includes books, rhymes, and music. Ages 3-5.

Time for Twos

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

This storytime for two year olds includes books, rhymes, music and movement.

Baby Time

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

This program of songs, rhymes, games and picture books is for babies under the age of two years and their caregivers.

Friends of the Library
Book Store Next Door
Outside Sale

Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door will be open Saturday, Sept. 12 for an outside sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is Wednesday Sept. 16. One bag or one box of donations will be accepted during the sale hours. All proceeds benefit WML.

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Aleiandra, age 12, and her friend Isabella, age 8, from Lowell enjoying a cupcake on a beautiful September afternoon at the Tewksbury Farmers Market.
(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Planning Board continues
public hearing on subdivision
for Nichols Street property

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday night, the Planning Board continued the public hearing for a condo subdivision and closed the public hearing for a stormwater management and site plan review request. They later endorsed all the board of appeals items and the site plan review for 362 Middlesex Ave.

The conservation subdivision design was for the property at 79 Nichols St. Golden Realty Trust's Attorney Jill Mann explained to the board that the plan is to create five units in the subdivision. She mentioned how the applicant received approval of the yield plan from the engineering and planning & conservation departments and the sewer commission.

There are two waivers out, one for the open space component to be more than the town requires, and another for a setback of 21 feet from Nichols Street instead of the required 30.

"We can make it 30 feet, but we like this layout better," Mann said.

The proposed amenities include a walking path along the Middlesex Canal and another path to the open space.

When Terence Boland asked about the vegeta-

tion bumper, Director of Planning & Conservation Valerie Gingrich clarified the buffer would ideally not have a driveway going through it.

"It's supposed to be a 30-foot vegetated, undisturbed buffer," she said.

Mann answered that she thought it was fine to include the driveway in the setback.

The attorney answered a caller's question to establish that the walkway leading to the open space would be wooded.

"If we can avoid cutting down a tree, we'll meaner the path around it."

Gingrich asked on top of that if the two paths are supposed to be public or private, and Mann said that the canal path would be public but the one leading to the open space would be private.

After they continued the public hearing to Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., the board returned briefly to this item again later to talk about how much space was required per zoning laws between each condo unit.

Gingrich answered that it would be half the usual R-20 requirement of 40 feet (20 feet). The board found the plan to be within this requirement.

The board next considered the site plan review and stormwater management permit for 296 and 330 Ballardvale St. Gingrich started by saying that

the town engineer sent his comments back the previous week, but the town hadn't reviewed the revised materials yet.

"Engineering comments come in days before the meeting," she said. "It's not something out of the ordinary."

The applicant, Ed O'Connor, answered that they had already responded to the town engineer's comments in their revision.

Gingrich also shared that the main issue Paul Alunni found was in the stormwater system, to either make the basin larger or change the outlet structure. John Judd joined the conversation on behalf of the proposal to say they have proposed to raise the outlet by three inches and meet all of the comments from the town engineer. While they closed the public hearing, the board said draft decisions would be made at the next meeting and extended the action deadlines for both properties.

In the board of appeals items, the Planning Board found no issues preventing their endorsements of all three. The first was a 28 by 22 feet addition at 35 Hathaway Road, which would go over 15 percent in the groundwater protection district but infiltrate to make up for it. The second was a 24 by 24 feet addition at 22 Lincoln St. This would not meet

the 30-foot front setback requirement but it would only extend the current line of the house.

For the addition at 883 Main St., the only thing that the board advised to the Zoning Board of Appeals was to ask the applicant to consider moving the proposed dormer to the other side of the house.

"With the trees between them and the neighbor on the other side, neither neighbor would notice if they put it on the right side instead of the left," Boland mentioned.

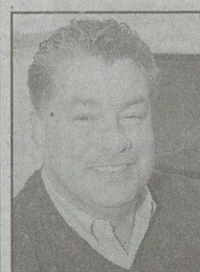
The board kept it as a non-issue, agreeing that it would be nicer to add the dormer on the opposite side of the house.

The board then endorsed the site plan for 362 Middlesex Ave. Updates explained by Gingrich included moving the snow storage area and compiling the full stormwater report to Town Engineer Paul Alunni. She shared that this site plan is in accordance to the reasonable accommodation and has no litigation associated.

Michael Sorrentino took a moment to ask Gingrich for an update on Town Meeting items and then Woburn Street and Lowell Street. She said that the feasibility studies for both the senior center and new town hall/school administration building will be over the next year, and that the design for Woburn Street and Lowell Street is so ahead that they hope that the project can be moved up before 2023.

After reelecting Sorrentino to chair and recommending Sean Hennigan to step in as the new clerk, Sorrentino wondered if applicants were supposed to have time to respond to the town engineer's comments in advance of their meetings. It was established that the town engineer's comments aren't supposed to arrive in time for the applicant time to respond before the meeting so they respond during the meeting instead.

The next Planning Board meeting will be on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Advertisement
It's Your Money
by Todd BrisboisTaxpayers should
include tax plans in
their wedding plans

Couples getting married this year know there are a lot of details in planning a wedding. Along with the cake and gift registry, their first tax return as a married couple should be on their checklist. Here are four simple steps that can make filing their first tax return as newlyweds less stressful.

Step 1: Taxpayers should check their withholding at the beginning of each year, or when their personal circumstances change—like after getting married. Using the IRS Withholding Calculator is a good way for taxpayers to check their withholding. Taxpayers who need to change their withholding should complete and submit a new Form W-4 to their employer.

Step 2: Marriage may mean a change in name. If either—or both—of the newlyweds legally change their name, it's important to report that change to the Social Security Administration. The names on the taxpayers' tax return must match the names on file at the SSA. If it doesn't, it could delay any refund.

Step 3: If a marriage means a change in address, the IRS and the U.S. Postal Service need to know. Newlyweds can file Form 8822, Change of Address, to update their mailing address with the IRS.

Step 4: Newlyweds should consider their filing status. A taxpayer's marital status on December 31 determines whether they're considered married for that full year. Generally, the tax law allows married couples to file their federal income tax return either jointly or separately in any given year. Taxpayers can use the Interactive Tax Assistant to determine which status is best for them.

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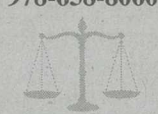
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A picture-perfect day at the Tewksbury Community Market



Counterclockwise from top left:

Friend of the Tewksbury Library, Donna Gill, works as a crowd control officer at the Community Market near the Tewksbury Library grounds.

Cupcake Matt mans the Cupcake City truck at the Tewksbury Community Market. Come to see him and all the vendors again next Tuesday from 4-7 p.m.

Kristen Shauwnessy with her two kids, Lydia and Grayson, at the Tewksbury Community Market. Dad was there, too, but busy on the phone with work... can you believe it?

Tewksbury Town Hall Administration's Community Development Assistant, Alex Louder, volunteering as parking attendant at the Tewksbury Community Market.

Kristen Thumasetti of KC Styles, a regular vendor at the Tewksbury Community Market.

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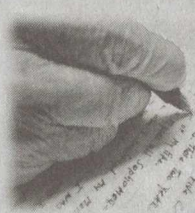
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DAVE DRIVES PROGRESS ON ROADS AND RAIL

Rep. David Robertson delivered on his promise of new pavement for Route 38 in Tewksbury — and there is more on the way come spring 2021 through the busy center of town. David has secured a redesign of a critical section of Route 38 in Wilmington, from Burlington Ave through to the Woburn line. A new North Wilmington train station is breaking ground soon, bringing a successful closure to a long-standing problem for the town commuters. Rep. Robertson vowed to work on our district's transportation issues and he has delivered time and again; whether it's funding for new pavement, earmarking millions in state development to expand sidewalks and related accessibility, or tackling the on-going difficulties of unincorporated roads. From Main St to the backstreets, we need a State Representative who can go beyond identifying problems — we need one who creates solutions.



OPINION



Letters to the editor

David Robertson votes conscience, not party lines

To the editor,
My wife and I do not always agree on matters of electoral politics, which can sometimes be the source of spirited discussions. This year, however, we find ourselves in the confident and comfortable position of being in complete agreement of our support of David Robertson for reelection as our State Representative for Wilmington and Tewksbury.

We are at a time in our society where extreme opinions on the left and the right are increasingly polarizing neighbors against each other. There seems to be a growing sentiment of "if you don't agree with me, you are my enemy."

We watch national campaigns, candidates and their supporters paint with broad brushes to characterize opponents as villains and extremists. It has been difficult to watch our society's steady decline of civility and respect for each other's different viewpoints. That is why it is so refreshing to have a man like David Robertson as our State Representative.

David possesses unique qualities worthy of our respect and support. We have gotten to know David through the years, when he worked for his predecessor Jim Miceli and now as our State Rep. His default position is kindness. This should not be understated.

Kindness, respect and understanding as a foundation guide David as he legislates at the State House representing the people of Massachusetts' 19th Middlesex District. David's ability and willingness to think critically and vote with his mind and his con-

science rather than along party lines make him an example of a true representative of our district.

While many examples of this exist, most notably is David's thoughtful and courageous opposition to S2820, a bill to defund our police under the guise of "building a more equitable, fair and just Commonwealth."

David, parting with many of his Democratic colleagues voted not to defund our law enforcement professionals, making the point rather, that now is the time to "refund the police" with additional tools, resources and training. It would have been easy for David to fall in line with a majority of his fellow Democratic Representatives in the house. But David understands that he represents Wilmington and Tewksbury and works every day to serve the interests of the people in our communities even when that means voting across party lines.

David is an example of how we can all conduct ourselves with an appreciation for each other's differences. He understands that political opponents are not enemies. He understands the value of sometimes agreeing to disagree and partying as friends with a handshake (or an elbow bump, as the case may be).

This November, the easiest vote that we will be happy to make will be to reelect David Robertson for State Representative.

We encourage you to join us.

Sincerely,
Mike and Doreen
Champoux

ERA Key's Lomasney raises \$1,000 for Colin's Joy Project

WOBURN — Cathy Lomasney, a Realtor in the Billerica office of ERA Key Realty Services, working with Roma's Bakery in Woburn, raised \$1,000 for Colin's Joy Project through her "Cannolis for Colin" fundraiser last weekend.

Participants who ordered a four-pack of cannolis from Roma's and picked them up during the weekend had a portion of their payment donated to the Colin's Joy Project. Cash donations, and a matching contribution from Cathy and Brian Lomasney added to the total.

Colin's Joy Project, which enhances play spaces and funds family-focused programming in the South Boston area, was established in memory of Colin McGrath, who was killed just short of his third birthday in 2018 when a car hit him while he was in a stroller being pushed by his nanny on a sidewalk in

South Boston.

Colin's Joy Project was created in Colin's memory "with the intent to continue to weave joy into the lives of others as Colin did." Colin was a nephew of Lomasney's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth McGrath-Lomasney.

"Since the family has ties to Billerica," Lomasney said, "I decided to share the joy by periodically paying it forward, meaning I would pay for a random customer's order at Roma's Bakery in Billerica (which is a second location). The first time I did this was a few weeks after his passing in honor of his birthday and it continued from there."

Colin's parents, Kerri and Brendan McGrath, and his sister reside in South Boston, while his grandparents, Phyllis and Joseph McGrath, reside in Billerica.

Early on, one customer who has a son the same age as Colin made a do-

Police take more than six kilos of Fentanyl off street

METHUEN — In a less than two-day period late last week, Massachusetts State Police narcotics and gang interdiction troopers and MSP's federal and local law enforcement partners in a joint task force dealt severe blows to two highly organized, high-volume drug trafficking organizations operating out of the Merrimack Valley, as well as to a Fall River-based street level drug operation supplied by one of the DTOs.

The combined operations seized approximately 6 1/2 kilograms of suspected fentanyl, numerous pills, and a firearm, and resulted in several arrests, all in less than 48 hours.

The successful operations were announced at Massachusetts State Police Headquarters by MSP Colonel Christopher Mason, Homeland Security Investigations Deputy Special Agent-in-Charge David Magdycz, Brockton Police Chief Emmanuel Gomes, and East Bridgewater Police Chief Paul O'Brien.

The most recent of the three operations began Friday, Aug. 28, when, as a result of a successful joint investigation in southeastern Massachusetts the previous day, the South unit of the Massachusetts State Police Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction and Enforcement Team — a task force comprised of State Troopers, East Bridgewater Police and Brockton Police Officers, and agents from the federal Homeland Security Investigations Department — along with MSP Gang Unit Troopers, developed information about a fentanyl Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operating out of Methuen.

Investigators arranged for the delivery of heroin by this Methuen DTO to a location in Boston. Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction and Enforcement South Unit members (CINRET) and MSP Gang Unit Troopers established surveillance of the target location in Methuen. At approximately 3 p.m. Friday, team members

observed a female member of the Methuen DTO exit the residence, enter a vehicle with a backpack and leave the area. A second woman was operating the vehicle. Team members surveilled the vehicle from the target residence in Methuen to Route 93 south in Boston where marked State Police cruisers from the State Police-Medford Barracks and the MSP Troop H Community Action Team conducted a motor vehicle stop.

The uniformed Troopers located nearly two kilograms (1,836 grams) of fentanyl in the vehicle. Troopers arrested the two female suspects — ISADORA CASTRO, 29, and KAYLIN GUILERMO, 33 — for drug trafficking and transported them to the State Police — South Boston Barracks for booking.

Meanwhile, surveillance remained in place on the residence in Methuen during the arrests. Investigators observed the main target of the DTO, ANTHONY LEVINE, 30, exit the residence and secrete suspected evidence in a motor vehicle in the parking lot. At this point Levine was temporarily detained as the investigation progressed. The residence, an apartment at 142 Pleasant Valley St., building 70, in Methuen, was then frozen pending search warrants for both the residence and target vehicle.

At approximately 1:20 on Saturday morning, the team executed search warrants for the target residence and motor vehicle. As a result of the warrants, the following narcotics were seized:

1. An additional 1,745 grams of Fentanyl;
2. 145 grams of methamphetamine;
3. 12 bags of green pills believed to Xanax with a total weight of 334 grams; and
4. Six bags of blue pills believed to 30 Mg Oxycodone pills with a total weight of 67 grams.

Also located during the search warrant was approximately \$8,129 in US currency, which was also secured as evidence as suspected proceeds of illicit narcotics sales. The main target in the

DTO, Levine, was allowed to leave the residence prior to the execution of the search warrant — because of the length of time it took to secure the warrant — and will be arrested on a warrant. Levine wears a court-ordered monitoring bracelet as a result of prior involvement in the criminal justice system.

The arrests and seizure of the nearly four kilos of deadly opioids on Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning followed two other operations by the CINRET South unit that resulted in the seizure of an additional approximately 2.5 kilograms of suspected fentanyl and the arrest of a Lawrence-based supplier on Thursday.

That MSP CINRET investigation, which was assisted by the State Police Gang Unit and members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Gang Task Force, initially targeted the distribution of fentanyl and cocaine by two suspects in Fall River. That investigation, which included a series of controlled purchases of fentanyl from the two targets, allowed Troopers to obtain search warrants for an apartment in Fall River and two vehicles.

On the morning of Thursday, Aug. 27, the CINRET South unit MSP Gang Unit, and MSP Troop D Community Action Team, along with Fall River Police Gang Unit Officers, established surveillance of the 78 Liberty St. apartment. Shortly before 9 a.m. surveillance teams observed two individuals leave the apartment and drive away. Investigators followed and stopped their car in Fall River. A search warrant executed on the car led to the recovery of a backpack containing approximately \$11,600 in US currency, secured as evidence as the suspected proceeds of narcotics trafficking.

Investigators then returned to the apartment and executed a search warrant, leading to the seizure of a digital scale consistent with use for drug distribution, US currency, and documents establishing residency of the apartment.

The team also executed a search warrant on a Cadillac Escalade parked at the apartment. That search led to the seizure of the following:

1. Eight bricks of suspected fentanyl wrapped in cellophane and weighing approximately 814 grams;
2. Two plastic baggies containing suspected fentanyl weighing approximately 97 grams and 44 grams;
3. A revolver and ammunition;
4. A pill bottle containing numerous light blue pills, stamped M30; and
5. A purse holding plastic baggies, a digital scale, and a knife.

During the execution of the search warrants, Troopers, Officers and Agents developed information identifying the Lawrence-based supplier of the narcotics seized in Fall River. CINRET and Gang Unit investigators were then able to arrange for a delivery of fentanyl by that supplier to a restaurant in Fall River on Thursday night.

The investigative team set up surveillance of the prearranged delivery location, an Applebee's restaurant in Fall River.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. Thursday, surveillance teams observed the suspected supplier pull into the restaurant parking lot. Team members approached the SUV and placed the lone male occupant, JOSE BAEZ-LARA, 32, of Lawrence, into custody. Troopers and Officers immediately located a gift bag on the front seat. Inside the gift bag was a shoe box that contained 15 block packages that contained suspected fentanyl. The suspected fentanyl weighed approximately 1,534 grams with packaging. Troopers transported BAEZ-LARA the State Police-Dartmouth Barracks, where he was booked on narcotics trafficking charges.

The two individuals at the initial Fall River motor vehicle stop will also face drug charges. Parts of that investigation are ongoing and no further information about them is being released at this time.

nation to Colin's Joy Project and shared the story of the birthday cake she received at Roma's. Another customer purchased cupcakes the same flavor as her wedding cake in memory of her husband and became tearful when she learned that her order was paid in full.

Whenever Lomasney paid for an order, she asked that staff at Roma's Bakery tell their customers that their order was paid for anonymously in loving memory of Colin McGrath and Colin's Joy Project.

The positive feedback and resulting donations led Lomasney to approach Roma's co-owner Guylyn Cafaro about a potential fundraiser and they came up with "Cannolis for Colin." Roma's was started nearly 50 years ago by Guylyn Cafaro's father, Gaetano Cafaro; Guylyn now manages the bakery with her siblings, Vanessa and Michael Cafaro.

"I met Cathy in February after hearing a lot about her from our staff at the Billerica location," Cafaro said. "Every time she pays it forward, customers are blown away. She's really bringing joy to people."

Cafaro said she suggested a fundraiser based on cannolis, because "people love cannolis" and "Cannolis for Colin" sounded nice

together." They delayed the event because of the pandemic, but were able to organize it over the last weekend of August.

"I couldn't be any more honored that to be part of this event," Cafaro said. "We really wanted to help. We never hosted an event like this before, but it went over really well."

"It was a pleasure working with everyone at Roma's Bakery," Lomasney said. "The staff there was extremely helpful in making this a success. I will continue to spread the joy in Colin's memory by paying it forward. I love hearing the stories about people's reactions."

In addition to making donations to organizations such as First Teacher, Read Boston and the Boston Resiliency Fund, the Colin's Joy Project is supporting renovations and additions to the M Street Park, the Marine Park playground and the South Boston Catholic Academy Educational Outdoor Play-space, all in Boston.

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OBITUARY

Paul Sadowski

Served in the Army during Vietnam War

Paul Sadowski, age 81, of Wilmington, passed away Sept. 3, 2020, following a brief illness. He was the cherished husband of Joan M. (Allen) Sadowski with whom he had shared 59 years of marriage.

Born in New Bedford, where he spent his early childhood, he was the son of the late Joseph A. and Florence (Bach) Sadowski.

Paul grew up in Somerville and graduated from Somerville High School and went on to Suffolk University for several years. He later served in the US Army during the beginning of the Vietnam War.

For many years thereafter, he worked for General Oil in Medford whose name evolved to Alliance

Oil, initially delivering oil, then as an oil burner technician and ended his career as a technician for commercial heating.

Paul and Joan lived in the Town of Wilmington for 48 years. At one time Paul had been very involved in the town's politics. He was a longtime member of the Improved Order of Redmen in Stoneham. He still retained friendships with many of its members.

In addition to his wife Joan, he leaves his sister, Paula Craig and her husband Arthur Pisani of Florida; many nieces and nephews and in-laws Judi and Mark Auerbach, Janice and Frank Harris, John and Joan Allen all of Florida and Betty Allen of New Hampshire.

A graveside service with Military Honors will be held Friday, Sept. 11 at 1



p.m., in Lindenwood Cemetery, Montvale Ave., Stoneham.

Those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's G.C.U.S. National Charity Fund; Grt. Council of the U.S.I.O.R.M.; 4521 Speight Ave.; Waco, Texas 76711. Arrangements under the direction of Anderson-Bryant Funeral Home of Stoneham.

Book Stew Review

'Caste' by Isabel Wilkerson

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

While not as linear as her Pulitzer-award winning "The Warmth of Other Suns," this critical historical document should be added to every high school curriculum.

Wilkerson, a brilliant writer and researcher, goes beyond condemning racism, to identifying the status of American lives as a caste system, with the status of Black

people similar to India's Dalit (Untouchables) and with strong parallels to the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany.

The most galvanizing section is when she recounts how Nazi leadership used American law to determine their own "racial purity" standards — BUT EVEN HITLER REJECTED THE "ONE DROP" RULE.

It's also got helpful anecdotes from Wilkerson's own life illustrating that

what are called "micro-aggressions" are anything but micro. And for those of you who have asked, "Why do they vote against their own interests?" — there's an answer here.

So many fine passages that I could just quote the entire book, but instead, you MUST read it.

Quote: "It turns out that everyone benefits when society meets the needs of the disadvantaged."

~Recycling Tip of the Week~

Cigarette butts are not biodegradable. The filter tip is made of cellulose acetate which is a form of plastic that never fully breaks down. Fragments wind up in our waters. Extinguished tobacco materials should be disposed of in a proper trash receptacle.

Tewksbury on Council on Aging news

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TEWKSBURY SENIOR CENTER

Looking for something fun to stay busy?

As the Senior Center remains closed to the public for the time being, we are working on providing some exciting new virtual programming! Stay at home & stay safe and have some fun! Here's some of what's happening so far. Stay tuned for more to come. You can also visit our website or Facebook page to stay updated.

Virtual Pastel Painting with Barbara Antinoro

We are pleased that Barbara will be sharing her time and talent to teach a Virtual Art Class this month! She will be using pastels on black paper. The piece will be "Moonlit Waterfall." Cost is just \$15 and includes a kit with everything you need to complete your project. Class instruction will air on the Tewksbury Cable Access channel on September 15, 22, & 29 at 1pm. Barbara is a past member of the Tewksbury Community of Artists. She has taught pastel and oil painting at the senior center for a number of years. Her interest in using pastels was inspired by a demonstration she once saw at the Tewksbury Public Library. She is self-taught in her artwork with pastels and has found pastels to be the medium of choice for her and loves to share it with others.

Virtual Paint Party

Have your own Paint Party at home! Virtual Painting Party! Special Price \$15 per class. We are able to offer this special pricing with the help of an ESMV Grant! The Senior Center has partnered with local business Brush Strokes to bring this fun and creative classes to you! Sandy & Tracy specialize in transforming amateur painters into Picasso's! They take pride in their unique, customized approach to assure that your experience with them is personal, successful but most of all lots of fun! Participants receive a kit with everything they need; 16 x 20 canvas, paints, and several brushes. Whether you're a beginner or have no experience at all, this class is sure to be creative and fun! Class instruction will air on Tewksbury Cable Access Channel. Supply kits are limited so sign up early! To sign up call or email Diane to sign up; 978-640-4480 or ddunlevy@tewksbury-ma.gov

Tele BINGO! Tuesday afternoons at 12:30 p.m.

Since everyone has been having so much fun playing Tele BINGO on Tuesday afternoons, the Friends of the Elderly has offered to sponsor the prizes for another 10 weeks and the Senior Center will cover the cost of the kits with a grant. This makes the next 10 weeks FREE for participants! Our series ended on Aug. 25 and cash prizes were awarded at the end of that 10 week series. Our next 10 week series starts on Sept. 8 and will run until Nov. 17. Please note there will NOT be any bingo on Sept. 1 and Nov. 3 due to elections. If you would like to play Bingo via tele-conference on Tuesday afternoons at 12:30 p.m., here's how it works: A Kit will be provided to you with paper bingo cards, 2 daubers and detailed instructions. Your kit will have enough supplies to play for 10 weeks. Call in on Tuesdays between 12:15 - 12:25 p.m. with the phone number provided in the instructions. Have some fun! Don't worry if you didn't sign up for week 1, you can still sign up at any point during the 10 weeks! I look forward to "virtually" seeing you all very soon.

Check out our "Mystery" Virtual Craft Project this month

No experience necessary — Cost \$15. What's in the kit? Shhh, it's a surprise! Participants will receive a kit with all the necessary supplies to put this "mystery" project together at home. Instructions on how to put your project together will air on Tewksbury Cable Access TV in September on Fridays at 10am. Kits are limited, so sign up today! You can sign up by contacting Diane at 978-640-4480 or e-mail ddunlevy@tewksbury-ma.gov or on-line at Myactivecenter.com. Distribution of the kits will be arranged with a drive up, curb-side pick-up. Don't drive or can't get out for pick-up? Call Diane to make drop off arrangements.

Virtual Craft Class — Light up your holiday season!

Due to popular demand the light up lantern craft project is back! Our October Project will be a decorated winter holiday lantern with lights! This project is always very popular so don't wait to reserve your kit! Cost of the class is \$25 and includes everything you will need to create your project; Lantern, lights, bow, greens, embellishments and more. Class

instruction will air on the Tewksbury Cable Access Channel in October on Fridays at 10am so you can choose which day works best for you!

Virtual Meditation with Joan, You can participate in this class in the comfort of your own home!

Class Description: The goal of meditation is to focus and quiet your mind, allowing yourself to access a sense of tranquility and peace no matter what is going on around you. Class starts with a few gentle stretches then move right on to meditation. This 20 minute class will include 10 minutes of a guided meditation, and the last 10 minutes breathing in and listening to peaceful sounds of nature and ocean waves in the background! Take this time just to get your mind relaxed and a sense of all around calmness to your body and your mind. You can sit upright in a comfortable chair or use a mat. If using a mat, then you may want to use a small pillow for your head. Class will air on the Tewksbury Cable Access Channel every Friday at 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 11. No cost, just tune in.

NEW Nutrition for Active Agers

Watch on Tewksbury Cable Channel Tuesdays at 10am, Saturdays at 7 p.m. the month of September. In this 4-part, video series, Holly Kouvo, of Fitting Fitness Inc, talks about:

- Metabolism — when and why it slows down, how to calculate how many calories you need, and how to eat to speed your metabolism.
- Food Labels & Nutrition Labels — what to look for on nutritional label, misleading food labels, and how to spice up your plate with colorful foods.
- Use Food to Fight Back — learn the foods that can help with common ailments, what foods to avoid, and foods for a healthy brain.
- Insulin Resistant Diet — learn what happens when your body is resistant to insulin, the best food to eat, and how exercise snacks can help.

This video series will air on Tewksbury Cable Access TV in September with one 30-minute video airing multiple times throughout each week. This class is FREE to participants with a grant through the senior center from ESMV.

NEW Total Fitness Zoom Class with Terry Currier This class incorporates all of the major compo-

nents of fitness: strength, cardio, balance, flexibility and functional exercise. All exercises are performed sitting in or standing next to a chair. Requires hand-held weights such as dumbbells. If you do not have weights at home, canned goods or water bottles work well also. You can sign up for this class on my active center or by contacting Diane at the Senior Center. Virtual space is limited so don't wait to sign up!

Brains & Balance Class with Holly Kouvo

8-week Virtual Class Series — Back by popular demand!

Our first 8-week series has been very well-received so we are offering it again. This 8-week class series is being offered to you at no cost thanks to a grant from ESMV. There are a limited number of spots available and we ask everyone to make a commitment to participating in the full 8-week series. Don't miss out on this valuable series! Participation in class is done through Zoom. You will need access and the ability to join a Zoom class with video. If you haven't used Zoom, don't worry. Holly will help get you started! Class size is limited to 12, so be sure to reserve your spot!

The Brains & Balance series can help prevent falls from happening. Discover balance training you can do at home and exercise your brain with specially designed "Train the Brain" drills. These drills are designed to improve your memory, reasoning, conceptualization, lan-

guage and problem-solving skills. This series helps you stay mentally sharp and improves your balance to prevent falls. And best of all you will have fun doing it!

TAI CHI with Greta Nilsen of Oriental Healing Arts Assoc.

Feel great, stay fit, and keep moving! Join in a fun, safe activity that is proven to make an impact on your daily life. Tai Chi may improve relaxation, concentration, memory, balance, muscle stamina and more. This class will air on the Tewksbury Cable Access Channel in October. Call Diane at the senior center for more details.

DRIVE-UP (Free) BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Tewksbury Senior Center, every 2nd and 4th Friday each month. September dates: 11 & 25 at 1 - 2 p.m., weather permitting. Guidelines to follow: Do NOT leave your car, please wear a face covering, with your left arm exposed (no heavy clothing). Please have no more than 2 people in the car and follow all signs and directions from staff and volunteers.

How do I sign up for activities? Can I sign up online? If you are a Senior

Center member you can sign up for activities online using Myactivecenter.com (see instructions on Page 4). Not a member? Call us and we can get you your FREE membership today! You may also call or email Diane to sign up for activities at 978-640-4480 or ddunlevy@tewksbury-ma.gov

Senior Center Programming on Tewksbury Access Cable TV

We have been working on providing a variety of classes and programs to air on our local cable station! Tune in and watch. You may even see some familiar faces! Be sure to let us know what you are enjoying or if there are other offerings you would like to see! For Comcast users tune in to Channel 8, Verizon users tune in to Channel 32. Enjoy!

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History:

Hanscom had a Scarlet Letter ancestor

By LARZ F. NEILSON

If you mention the name Hanscom, many people would think you're talking about a good looking guy. In this area, they would immediately think of the Bedford airport, formerly a U.S. Air Force base. But would they recognize the Wilmington connection?

Laurence G. Hanscom lived on Shawsheen Avenue and graduated from Wilmington High School with the class of 1923. His parents, Ford Anthony Hanscom and Mary Maguire were married in Medford in 1903. Larry was their third child, born in 1906. They moved to Wilmington when he was quite young, to a house at the corner of Shawsheen and Nassau avenues.

Larry Hanscom became a reporter, working for the *Worcester Telegram*, the *Boston Globe* and the *Wilmington News*. He eventually became a State House reporter for the *Globe*, interacting with members of the legislature.

His real love, though, was aviation, tinkering with aircraft engines and reading voraciously, staying up on the latest technology. He earned a pilot's license in the pre-Lindbergh era when few people held such a license. He logged more than 3,000 hours of flight time. In the



▲ LAURENCE G. HANSCOM

(Courtesy photo)

celebration of Wilmington's 200th anniversary in 1930, he arranged to have greetings from the governor dropped to the common from a plane.

As the world tumbled toward World War II, he knew that aviation would be an important factor in the war. He lobbied heavily for the state to establish an airfield. This brought about the purchase of extensive farmland, primarily in Bedford.

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Hanscom sought to join the U.S. Army Air Corps, but was turned down because of his age, 34, despite his being a pioneer in aviation. He then sent an application to the Canadian Air Force with letters of commendation from the Massachusetts governor and state Aeronautics Commission.

He was still awaiting an answer from Canada when

he was killed in a plane crash in Saugus on Feb. 9, 1941.

In recognition of his contributions to aviation, the Massachusetts legislature voted to name the new airfield in his honor. As World War II continued, it became a U.S. Army Air Corps base, then an Air Force base. The airport is now run by MassPort, while the Air Force base has many operations on adjoining property.

The Hanscom family came from Kittery. Thomas Hanscombe had first arrived in Salem in 1629. Two decades later, his name appears in the records of Kittery as a defendant in a lawsuit brought for debt by William Hilton. In 1651, he was again sued by Hilton for trespass.

Then in 1654, the Town of Kittery warned Hanscombe not to live with Mrs. Mary Batchelder, the estranged wife of Rev. Stephen Batchelder. She had earlier been convicted of adultery was required to wear an "A" on her clothing.

Nearly two centuries later, her story apparently became the basis for "The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Since adultery is not a solitary undertaking, it is quite probable that her partner was Thomas Hanscom.

Letter to the editor

Representative Robertson campaign thanks volunteers

To the editor,

With past Tuesday's primary over and the chaos of the day subsided, we wanted to take a moment to thank the dozens of committed local volunteers who took a few hours of their precious time to support our campaign and our vision of a better community.

With social distancing and health protections in place we worked hard to plan and ensure that everyone who showed kept a safe distance and was comfortable as could possibly be given the circumstances. Thanks to this careful planning and

the kindness and enthusiasm of our volunteers, we had a constant sign-holding presence at every polling location in both Tewksbury and Wilmington all day.

This presence, combined with our door-knocking, phone-banking, and outreach efforts brought in a combined vote of over 6,500 supporters in both towns — an impressive turn out.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, we look forward to your continued support on our way to victory this November.

Robertson campaign

Nguyen, DuFour to meet in general election

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

(Eds. note: Due to an oversight, these results did not run last week)

Looking at the State Representative race for the 18th Essex District, in which voters from Tewksbury Precincts 3 and 3A vote, incumbent Democrat Tram Nguyen ran unopposed. Overall, she gained 1,348 votes between the two precincts. On the Republican side, Jefferey Peter DuFour won with 502 votes, compared to opponent Shishin Wang's 55 votes.

DuFour was the overall primary winner, with roughly 67 percent of the vote.



It's almost that time...

Whether your student is working remotely or in-person, those school supplies are always a necessary step to the start of school

(Heather Burns photo)

Wilmington and Tewksbury

Libraries to host bestselling author Kyle Mills on Sept. 19

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON — The Tewksbury Public Library and Wilmington Memorial Library have joined forces to host bestselling author Kyle Mills for a Zoom webinar on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Mills will discuss his brand new book "Total Power," the latest in the popular Mitch Rapp series created by the late Vince Flynn.

Space is limited. Registration is required and can be found at www.tinyurl.com/totalpowerkylemills.

While this virtual event is completely free, attendees can purchase an autographed copy of the book to

be shipped to their homes from the event's bookstore partner — Wellesley Books — at www.tinyurl.com/buy-totalpowerkylemills. Included with the book will be a collectors' edition Mitch Rapp postcard.

Kyle Mills is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of 19 political thrillers, including "Red War" for Vince Flynn and "The Patriot Attack" for Robert Ludlum. Mills has now written six books for the popular Mitch Rapp series, carrying on the beloved character created by the late Vince Flynn.

Mills initially found inspiration from his father,

the former director of Interpol, and still draws on his contacts in the intelligence community to give his books such realism. Avid outdoor athletes, he and his wife have lived in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, for over 20 years.

His newest thriller, "Total Power," finds CIA counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp in a race against the clock when ISIS takes out the entire US power grid and throws the country into chaos.

This event is sponsored by a collection of North of Boston libraries, including the Memorial Hall Library in Andover, Billerica Pub-

lic Library, Flint Memorial Library in North Reading, Tewksbury Public Library, Wilmington Memorial Library, and Woburn Public Library.

The event is part of a series of virtual discussions with bestselling authors held this fall. The next event in the series features a discussion with Terry Virts, a retired NASA astronaut, International Space Station commander and colonel in the United States Air Force. Virts will discuss his new book, "How To Astronaut: An Insider's Guide To Leaving The Planet" on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

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Tewksbury Teachers Association organizes reopening protest

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — As the 2020-2021 academic year starts, many wonder how you go back to school in a midst of a global pandemic. How do we ensure that kids wear and keep on their masks? What do we do if someone in the school gets COVID-19? How will we track it?

Conner Bourgoïn, an English teacher and Class of 2021 Advisor at Tewksbury Memorial High School, talked about the recent rallies organized by the Tewksbury Teachers Association, and his thoughts on the upcoming school year.

When asked about the process of organizing the rally, Bourgoïn stated, "We had a lot of teachers that agreed we needed to take action in order to show solidarity, so we got together and planned this great idea for a rally."

Bourgoïn remarked on how successful the rallies were in terms of attendance.

"A supermajority of the Tewksbury Teachers Association (nearing almost all) were in attendance, and some parents showed up to the afternoon rally. It was wonderful to see everyone come together."

But what was the reason for the rally?

"We protested because we still do not have a memorandum of agreement to work under COVID-19 conditions. Whenever work conditions change, they need to be bargained between the School Committee/superintendent and the Tewksbury Teachers Association. As of Sept. 2, no memorandum has been agreed to for hybrid teaching, yet we still had to report into buildings that we had not believed were completely bargained to meet both sides' criteria of being safe."

According to Bourgoïn, the reopening plan for Tewksbury Memorial High School looks like this: "Schools are going to do a hybrid half-day to start. Students are separated into two cohorts. One cohort meets Monday and Tuesday, all are remote Wednesday, and the other cohort meets Thursday

and Friday. The opposite cohort will be taught remotely on days they are not in the building."

Bourgoïn also offered what he would have liked to see happen in terms of reopening.

"In a perfect world, most teachers would want to teach remotely until it's safe to go back into the building. Hybrid learning adds a lot more planning on teachers and it will likely be difficult for students to manage, and students are in the building for a very little amount of time (twice a week for four hours each)."

Of course, as with any event or rally, there was opposition, as Bourgoïn explains.

"There was absolutely opposition from people on social media, along with a few passers-by of each school. Overall, though, I would say most passers-by, whether pedestrians or drivers, were very supportive. Administration gave no direct push-back to our protesting. Some building administrators seemed to support us. I really appreciate that, as do many teachers."

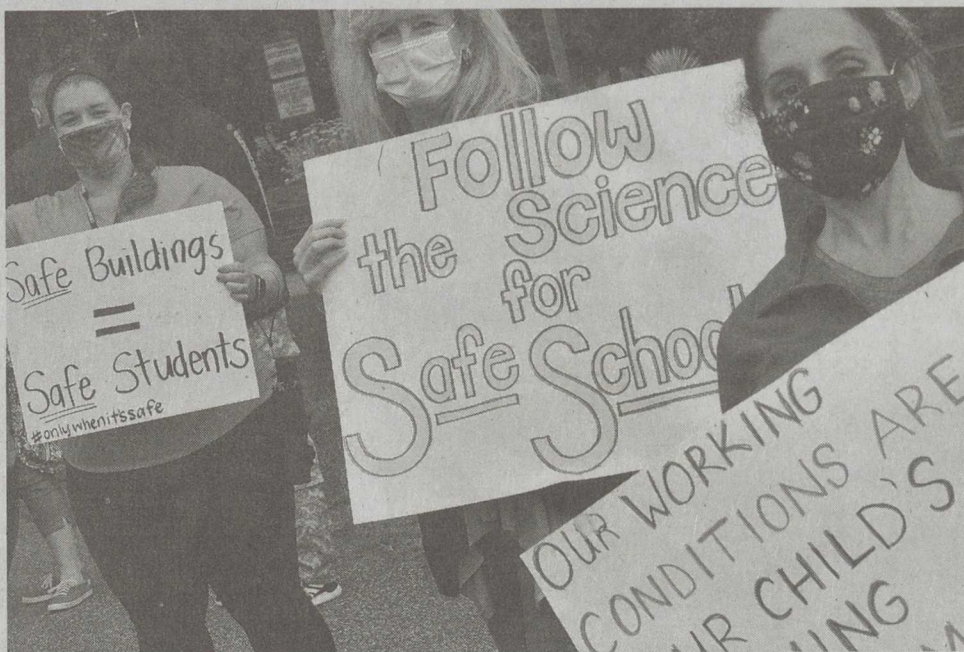
Bourgoïn also took a moment to give thanks to those involved with the cause.

"I would like to thank everyone who organized the two rallies. This team was actually put together within two weeks. That's incredible. Union leadership deserves a huge thanks, also. The union president, Josh Bilodeau, and vice presidents, Lisa Zullo and Julie Taggart, are excellent leaders. Along with them, everyone on the Memorandum of Agreement bargaining team deserves a huge thanks."

With many districts going back on hybrid plans and choosing to go remote, Bourgoïn used that to make a prediction about what lies ahead for Tewksbury Memorial High School.

"I feel with flu season coming up, most districts will go through a phase of remote learning at some point."

When asked about the response he has seen to reopening plans and the protest, Bourgoïn explained:



▲ The Tewksbury Teachers Association wore "Red for Ed" [education] as they held signs recently. The teachers began a 10-day professional development program to prepare for the upcoming hybrid model return to school. However, there have been unresolved issues for the teachers regarding health metrics, PPE supplies, HVAC/ventilation, and professional expectations for teachers. According to the TTA, the demonstration was a show of "solidarity as bargaining continues for the safest return possible for the students of Tewksbury." (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

"The Tewksbury Teachers' Association's focus has always been at a local level, and we've listened to the many opinions that Tewksbury residents and fellow teachers have. Our one goal, through it all, is to ensure that all students and staff are safe."

Bourgoïn elaborated on how he, as a teacher, feels about the upcoming school year.

"I am looking forward to teaching again — it's going to be very challenging, especially under hybrid learning. That's, at times, going to be twice the preparation (since you're getting ready for students at home and students in your classroom). A lot of teachers are very nervous about getting sick or having to quarantine, however, and rightfully so, but as the case is every year, we are always excited to meet our new students, whether in a remote or hybrid manner."

Bourgoïn is also the class advisor for the Class of 2021, which means he was designated four years ago to oversee the planning of their fundraising and events such as junior prom and senior week, with the elected officers. When asked about the plans for his senior class, Bourgoïn remained optimistic.

"I'm very excited to cele-

brate with the senior class, alongside Ms. Lindsey Bowden White, my co-advisor. We have some very fun events planned for TMHS senior week, and we are hoping that not even COVID-19 can stop our Spring 2021 plans."

Bourgoïn also reflected on how the events of 2020, such as COVID-19, and the Black Lives Matter movement, has changed the

way he teaches.

"I always try to include different texts that advocate for diversity in my classroom, and I also try to evaluate which authors I use (there are plenty of white male authors), and the BLM movement has really made me want to do that in full force this year. Another teacher and I want to work on making units primarily based

around Black voices (whether that be poetry, short story, novel, etc). It's so important to teach students, especially in Tewksbury, perspective from other backgrounds, races, and ethnicities; but more importantly, it's important to create a curriculum that is inclusive and make all students, whether BIPOC or LGBTQ+, feel safe and heard. COVID has definitely made me more savvy with teaching through different online media."

Finally, Bourgoïn had some words for students, families and teachers who are nervous about the upcoming school year.

"I truly think we are going to get through it. It's going to be hard. It's going to be a rollercoaster at times, but we are in this together, and I am very lucky to work in a building with such a strong sense of community. I know we will support each other through it all."

It will, without a doubt, be an interesting year for everyone involved in school systems, ranging from administrators, to faculty, to students and their families. But it is incredible and inspiring to see teachers, such as Conner Bourgoïn, come together in solidarity for the safety of their students and themselves.

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing on **September 24, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** on an application filed by **Live Life Homes, LLC** for a variance under Section 4130, Appendix B, for minimum lot area, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a single family home as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at **60 Shawheen Ave**, Assessor's Map 112, Lot 69, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan, Chairman
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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a virtual public hearing on **September 24, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** on an application filed by **Edina Braga on behalf of Edina Braga Living Trust** for a variance under Section 4143, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a gazebo as shown on plans filed with this Board. The hearing will be conducted via WebEx and will be available for viewing on the following cable public access channels: Verizon Channel 33 and Comcast Channel 99. The public will be able to participate by calling 978-771-0819.

Said property is located at **110 Fox Run Drive**, Assessor's Map 21, Lot 97, zoned Residential.

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Robert Dugan, Chairman
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INVITATION TO BID For TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS VERNON STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT No. PW-21-03

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Vernon Street Drainage Improvement project for the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Contract No. PW-21-03, will be received at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Office located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at which time said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work includes the construction of approximately 410 feet of new 12" ductile-iron storm drain and appurtenant work on Vernon Street and Bay State Road.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available after 10:30 a.m. local time on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 by going to www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 840203 in the project locator box, and selecting "Acquire Documents" to download. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the bid documents. A free CD-ROM may also be requested by contacting Projectdog at 978-499-9014; shipping and handling charges apply. All plan holders must have an active online account on www.Projectdog.com to acquire documents and to receive project notifications. Hard copies of the Contract Documents may also be viewed, but not removed, offices of Projectdog Inc., 18 Graf Road - Unit 8, Newburyport, MA 01950, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30B. The Town reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

By: Brian M. Gilbert
Director of Public Works
For: Richard A. Montuori
Town Manager
200888 9/9/20

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. M120P3717GD

In the matter of:
Mitchell Nunnery
Of: **Tewksbury, MA**
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of General Counsel of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Mitchell Nunnery** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/23/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 26, 2020

Tara E. DeCristoforo,
Register of Probate
200876 9/9/20

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▲ Melissa Bormann AKA Bubbles McGee creating magic for all at the Tewksbury Farmers Market Tuesday evening. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Sunnyhill Candle Co. burns bright at Community Market

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — After a week off for last week's state primary elections, the Tewksbury Community Market was held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, outside of the Tewksbury Public Library. Among the 22 local vendors present at this week's market was Sunnyhill Candle Co.

Based in Lunenburg, Sunnyhill Candle Co. specializes in handcrafted candles. The candles are made of food-grade wax, cotton wicks, and nontoxic premium fragrance oils. All materials used in the candles are made in the United States, and the candles themselves are

made in small batches in order to assure they are produced at the highest possible quality.

Sunnyhill Candle Co. has candles available in a variety of scents. They range from food, such as Pumpkin Pie or Watermelon, to florals, such as White Lilac and Fresh Cut Rose, to other outdoor scents, such as Rain, and High Tide.

In addition to being able to purchase candles locally at the Community Market, they are also available for shipping across the United States.

To learn more about Sunnyhill Candle Co., or to order some of their products, visit their website <https://sunnyhillcandle.com/> or visit their Facebook page: Sunnyhill Candle Co.

The Tewksbury Community Market will operate through the in-person model at the Tewksbury Public Library every Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. until Sept. 22.

With any questions regarding the Community Market, contact Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes by phone at 978-640-4490 x205 or through email at rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

For general Market updates, visit the Tewksbury Community Market Facebook page, or their website www.tewksburymarket.com.



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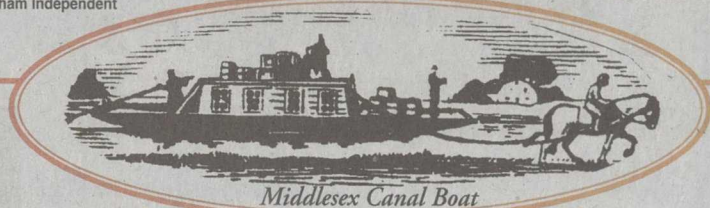
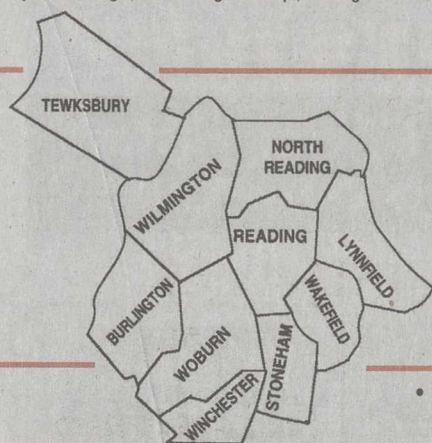
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Major upgrades to local station

Winchester Center MBTA station project to start soon

By RYAN LAROCHE

For travelers in Winchester, Woburn, Stoneham, and Wilmington (or anyone who uses the commuter rail to head south toward Boston or north toward Lowell) expect changes and shutdowns to the Winchester Center MBTA station sometime in the next five months.

According to Winchester Town Manager Lisa Wong via email last week, "My understanding is (the MBTA) hope(s) to get a contractor on board by the end of December or early January."

Upgrades and repairs to the Winchester Center station are a long time coming. Issues at the station go back more than a decade and include cracking pavement on the platform ramps. The Select Board in Winchester authorized temporary fixes over the years, but the ramps, tracks and entire station need an overhaul.

It'll be an expensive project, approximately \$50M (as of January of this year, though some place the price tag as high as \$55M), all paid for by the transit authority (save for some potential "add-ons" the town would have to pay for out of its own pocket should it choose to do so). It only gets more expensive the longer the process

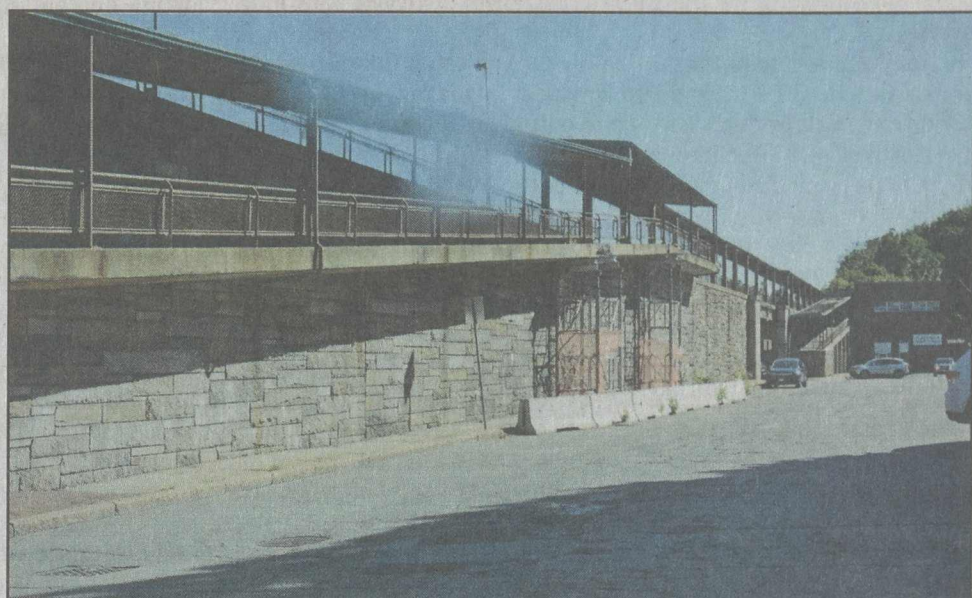
lasts (the initial cost started at \$12M).

Although the project started a decade ago, it has finally, to be fair, started moving this year (ironically enough when everything else seems to have stopped). Back in 2009, the town first shared its concerns with the transit authority about unsafe pedestrian ramps at the station.

At that time, in August of 2009, then-Town Manager Mel Kleckner wrote to the MBTA asking for "immediate attention" because fallen debris could have injured a pedestrian. Eventually, the Select Board had no choice but to close that portion of the ramp.

Two years later, the town and MBTA came to an agreement on the 15 percent design phase of the rebuild. Had the MBTA finished the project back in 2011 or 2012, it would have cost \$12M.

While it took the transit authority forever to seemingly move off the 15 percent design phase, late last year the MBTA suddenly announced it reached the 60 percent design phase, and then in January it hit the 90 percent design phase. If time really is money, the transit authority sure wanted to save some cash (in a manner of speaking, since the price already increased more than four times from when the project



SOME OF THE UPGRADES PLANNED FOR THE WINCHESTER CENTER STATION include reconstructing access ramps and adding new elevators for better accessibility, upgrading canopies, signs, railings, and lighting for safety and security. As well as adding benches, bike racks, a public address system, and updating walkways, sidewalks, and parking lot areas.

began).

In total, the project consists of reconstructing the ramp and installing a new stair on Laraway Road; installing a new stair and elevator on the inbound side at the Waterfield Lot; installing a new elevator, stair and ramp on the outbound side at the Aberjona Lot; and installing a new stair and elevator on MBTA-owned property behind the buildings on Laraway Road.

For "add-ons," as mentioned above, the Select Board in July approved sending a cost-sharing agreement letter to the MBTA that includes painting the pedestrian tunnel for \$17,500 (though Town Engineer Beth Rudolph said she hopes to convince the MBTA to include it as part of the overall construction project), adding granite cladding at the abutment for \$70,000 (in

two places: the Quill Rotary and the Waterfield Lot side of the station) and salvaging stone at Laraway Road for \$80,000.

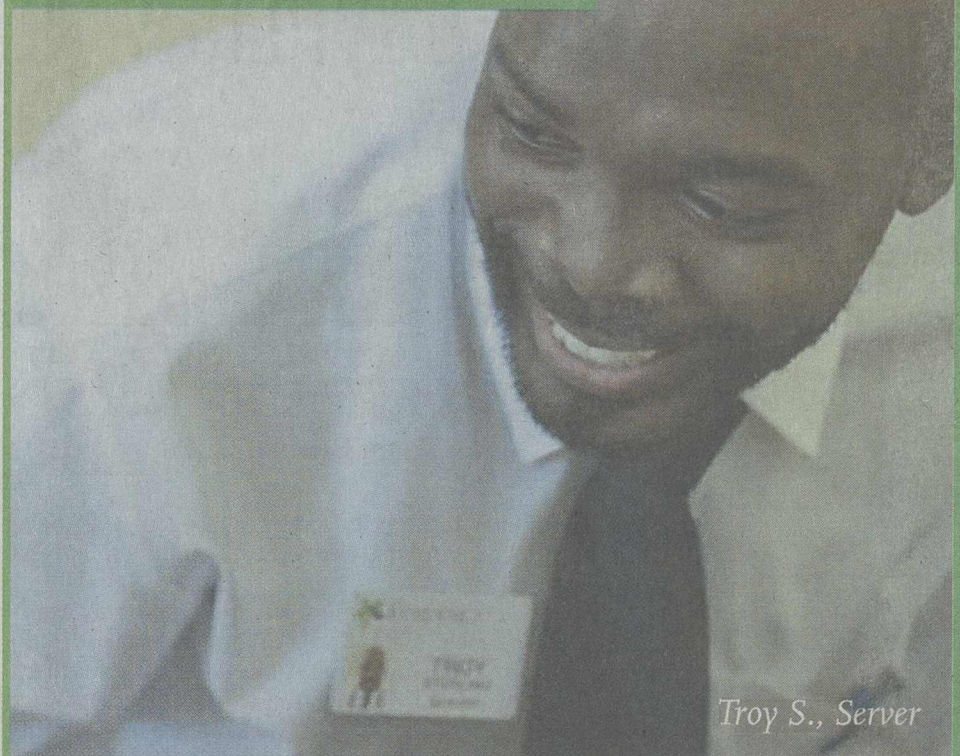
Rudolph called that last add-on, "money well spent."

The town also discussed paying for solar panels, or at least paying to have the canopies solar-ready. Either way, regardless of what the Select Board decides, Town Meeting makes the final decision, as that body appropriates the money for projects such as this.

Once the T eventually chooses a contractor later this year or early next, they should be ready to get moving, as they've already outlined some of their proposed working hours. This includes normal workday hours for fixing the ramps and plat-

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Live-action 'Mulan' is gorgeous but short on magic

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Out of all of Disney's animated films, "Mulan" was the one that made the most sense as a live-action remake. Not that there haven't been good and charming live-action remakes over the past decade — Kenneth Branagh's "Cinderella" being at the top of the pack — but with most of them no matter how expensive or carefully executed or reverent to the source material, I usually walk out wishing I'd just watched the animated version instead.

Part of that might be age. I was in the generation who got to experience Disney's animated renaiss-

sance in real time in the theaters — unaware of course that it was a renaissance, but simply that the films I got to see in the theater and then on home video were something special. Perhaps it didn't crystallize just how special they were and are until the live-action remakes became a regular part of the release calendar. Many just weren't as enchanting or effective as their predecessors. That is mostly a compliment to the gold standard that is the animation. It would be shocking for a live-action version to somehow be better or even equal. Just look at the animated Hakuna Matata next to the "real" one. There is a reason most of these stories were animated in the first place.

"Mulan" was different, though. The animated tale is wonderful and full of fantastic songs, but it's a war epic. The story, about a young Chinese woman who steps in to serve the army in her aging and ailing father's place, is naturally and fundamentally suited for the format.

And make no mistake, director Niki Caro's "Mulan" is without a doubt one of the best of the remakes. It is stunning to look at from beginning to end. The crisp landscapes (shot by cinematographer Mandy Walker), the brightly colored and divinely intricate costumes (from Bina Daigeler), the elaborate fight sequences and the ac-

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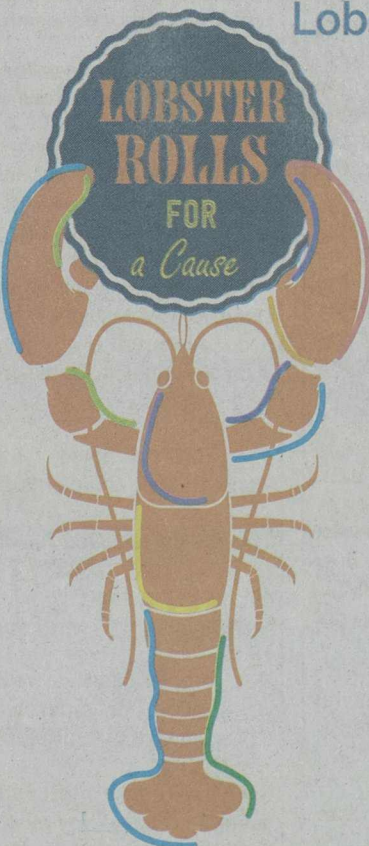
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Answer appears below:

Lynnfield's Jonathan Luders receives Sportsmanship & Scholarship Award

With the Futures Collegiate Baseball League's 2020 season completed last month, three members of the North Shore Navigators took home some honors.

Second baseman JONATHAN LUDERS (Seton Hall) of Lynnfield was recognized as a recipient of the FCBL's prestigious Adam Keenan Sportsmanship & Scholarship Award, which is named in honor of the former Franklin Pierce and UMass Lowell player who passed away of a rare heart condition in 2011 while playing for the Futures League's Seacoast Mavericks.

In addition, Lexington native Sal Frelick (Boston College) earned the FCBL's Top Pro Prospect honor for the second time in three summers, while outfielder Ben Malgeri (Northeastern) became the first player in franchise history to be named Defensive Player of the Year.

Luders becomes the third Navigator ever, and second in as many years, to win the Adam Keenan Sportsmanship & Scholarship Award. The prestigious award is given to the Futures League player or players who exemplify the outstanding attitude, character and sportsmanship that is synonymous with Keenan's legacy.

Even without a crowd in the stands to watch the Navs play at Fraser Field, the Lynnfield native always gave his best on and off the field and quickly became a popular player among his teammates, encouraging them from his regular position at second place or in the dugout. "Sunshine" brought a boundless energy to the park on a daily basis and was a selfless player all season long. On the field, he hit .328 with seven RBI and 12 runs scored as the No. 9 batter in the lineup.

"Jonathan's energy, competitiveness, passion and team-first attitude made him an easy choice for the Keenan Award," said Navs President and General Manager Derek January. "Jonathan genuinely cared about every one of his teammates and coaches, and his love for the game was infectious in the dugout. I only wish Navs Nation could have been in the park to see him play on a nightly basis because he would have been an instant fan favorite."

The Navigators finished the season at 18-20.

Woburn football great Tom Hart passes away at age 32

TOM HART, who was the catalyst in Woburn High's outstanding 2005 Super Bowl-winning football season, passed away recently at age 32.

In 2005, Hart, a running back, led the Tanners to a 12-1 record and a 34-7 win in the Division 1A Super Bowl over Newton North at Brockton's Marciano Stadium).

As he was all season, the catalyst for Woburn in this victory was Tom Hart. The 5-11, 190-pound senior running back carried a heavy load in the Super Bowl game with 31 carries for 206 yards and three touchdowns. Hart became the school's all-time career rusher with 3,522 yards while also establishing a new single-season rushing standard with 1,922 yards. Hart also finished as the school's all-time scoring leader for career (358) and season (217).

Middlesex League moves girls swim and volleyball to



Fall II in late February

Last week the Middlesex League announced that girls volleyball and girls swimming will be moved to Fall II. That means those sports will not be played until at least Feb. 22.

In a statement on Twitter, Middlesex League 12 Athletics wrote: Citing facility concerns at schools and pools, the ML12 Athletic Directors and Superintendents as a league, decided to move Volleyball and Girls Swimming into Fall 2, joining Football and Competitive Cheerleading.

The ML is not the first league to switch volleyball from this fall into Fall II (Feb. 22-April 25). The Northeastern Conference, Hockomock League, and Dual County League have already chosen to move volleyball to late February.

Changes and alterations in MIAA high schools sports have been a fluid situation. Last week, the MIAA released modifications for field hockey which will be played this month.

Field hockey received the biggest modification with games reduced to 7 v. 7 play (from 11 v. 11), and penalty corners and "bullies" (faceoffs off non-goal restarts) banned. Players must be five yards away on free hits.

Also, per EEA guidelines, all players, coaches, and officials must wear masks at all times in every sport except when spacing between players is greater than 10 feet.

Answer to this week's question: Cleveland Browns (17 years), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (12) and New York Jets (9).

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

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forms, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., plus overnight hours for track work (1- 4 a.m. when they're working on one track, and then 1- 6 a.m. when they're working on both).

This would last for the entirety of the project, which is now scheduled to run 29 months (the town previously stated construction would last 28 months, but this extra month may include additional work the town seeks to have the MBTA perform on the town's own dime).

Rudolph proposed a "more robust" discussion with the MBTA for a future meeting sometime in August, but that never materialized. Wong said the town set up a meeting with the MBTA and neighbors for Aug. 24, but the transit authority "was unable to make the meeting."

Instead, "we reviewed the hours proposed by the T but couldn't answer a lot of the questions for the T. There were a lot of questions about the overnight hours," she noted, adding she's still trying to get those answers.

There had been talk of keeping some of the station available to commuters, but ultimately, the transit authority decided to close the entire station so work could

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tors faces — especially Yifei Liu, who plays Mulan — are so beautiful that it will take your breath away. It's abundantly evident that Caro ("Whale Rider") had a grand and sweeping vision for "Mulan" and for the most part she pulls it off.

"Mulan" falters on the story level, however, feeling both rushed, overlong and oddly light on character development. We barely even get to know Mulan. She's introduced as a child, wild and carefree running through her village. But she's not just free-spirited in this version: She actually has magical powers that make her a natural acrobat and, later, warrior. The film cuts abruptly from this revelation to our heroine, who is now older and messing up in front of the matchmaker. It's still a charming scene, even without Eddie Murphy's Mushu.

But there's the problem: Why am I even thinking about Eddie Murphy? Because "Mulan" doesn't ever let you forget that it is in conversation with the animated film, devoted to hitting the familiar beats of its predecessor instead of telling its own story. Every time you hear the notes from "Reflection," which is only sung in the

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STEPS

1. Spray 3- to 3 1/2-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Cut beef into 3-inch pieces. Sprinkle beef with salt and pepper.

2. Mix coleslaw mix, onion, rice, barbecue sauce and water in large bowl. Layer beef and coleslaw mixture in slow cooker.

3. Cover and cook on Low heat setting 8 to 10 hours. To serve, fill buns with beef mixture. Serve with sliced red onions and additional barbecue sauce, if desired.

EXPERT TIPS

For a more mild sauce, use tomato sauce instead of barbecue sauce. Bone-in round steak can be used in-

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds beef boneless round steak
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 2 cups coleslaw mix or shredded cabbage
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1/4 cup uncooked regular long-grain rice
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 10 sandwich buns

stead of the boneless steak. Cut it into 3-inch pieces, leaving the bone attached to one of the pieces. Be sure to remove it before serving.

Potato salad and carrot and celery sticks are easy accompaniments to these sandwiches.

finish quicker. Commuters will have to use the Wedgemere Commuter Rail Station. The town also tossed around the idea of the MBTA providing a shuttle to transport riders from the Winchester Center station to the Wedgemere station, but cost restrictions shut down that idea.

Now in the final stages, it could be said it's been a chore to get this far. Even members of the Select Board expressed frustration at the MBTA. In fact, Select Board Chair Michael Bettencourt (who at the time was vice-chair) said earlier this year the MBTA has been "impossible to deal with" by not giving the town much freedom.

It is technically their project and they're footing the bill, which he noted.

Still, the board's frustration or annoyance with the transit authority shows just how badly the town wants these repairs and upgrades done to the Winchester Center Commuter Rail Station. And, although the process nears the final stage before construction, residents and users of the station still have nearly three years to wait until completion.



A GORGEOUS, INSPIRING EPIC - This image released by Disney shows Yifei Liu in the title role of "Mulan."

(Jasin Boland/Disney via AP)

credits, you are torn out of Caro's sumptuous spectacle and once again thinking about the 1998 version and its songs.

"Mulan" has so much going for it, including a roster of amazing Chinese and Chinese-American actors including Jet Li, as the Emperor, Tzi Ma, as Mulan's father, Rosalind Chao as Li, Donnie Yen as Commander Tung and Jason Scott Lee as the big bad villain Bori Khan. It also decides to introduce a female witch villain played by Li Gong, which doesn't quite work and distracts from Mulan's own journey.

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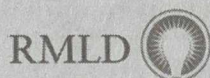
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LEGAL NOTICE

IFB 2020-15

The Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) intends to contract for and extends an invitation to submit sealed bids for:

Hourly Rates for As Needed Distribution Line Work of All Types

The RMLD will receive sealed bids until **12:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2020**, via USPS mail sent to 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867, or delivered to the white mailbox in the visitor parking lot of the same address. Bids will be opened at **12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 2020** and, due to the RMLD Office being closed to the public in light of the Covid-19 restrictions, read aloud while being recorded. The Bid results will be immediately published on the RMLD Website and sent to Bidders. Bids received after the time of announced opening will not be accepted.

This IFB is being issued under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, § 39M.

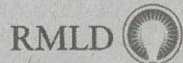
Bid documents and bid forms may be obtained via email request to Maureen Sullivan at msullivan@rml.com. For questions or further information, please contact Maureen Sullivan at 781-942-6441.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the RMLD for a sum not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid. In lieu of a check, a bid bond may be submitted in an amount not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid, unless otherwise stated. The bond must be from a corporate surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conditioned that the bidder will pay the RMLD, as liquidated damages, the amount specified in the bond unless the bidder enters into a contract in accordance with the bid. If the bidder fails to enter into the contract or furnish any required bonds, insurance documents, or other required documents within ten (10) days from the date on which the bidder is notified that the bid has been accepted, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the RMLD.

The RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including and without limitation the right to reject any or all non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids, and to reject any bid if the RMLD believes that it would not be in the best interest of the RMLD to make the award to that bidder. RMLD also reserves the right to waive any minor informalities not involving price, time or changes to the work.

No agreement shall be valid or binding unless duly executed via contract or other writing signed by an authorized representative of the RMLD.

RMLD will make reasonable efforts to review and process bids promptly. However, RMLD will not be liable for any delays in acting on a bid.



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RELIABLE POWER FOR GENERATIONS

LEGAL NOTICE

RFQ 2020-40

The Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) intends to contract for and extends an invitation to submit quotes for:

Appraisal Services for Real Property (Vacant Land) in the Town of Wilmington, MA

The RMLD will receive quotes until **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, September 23, 2020**, via email sent to Paula O'Leary at poleary@rml.com; or via USPS mail sent to 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867; or delivered to the white mailbox in the visitor parking lot of the same address. It is strongly encouraged to email your Quote. Quote results will be published on the RMLD Website once reviewed and evaluated and sent to those who submitted quotes. Quotes received after the deadline will not be accepted.

This RFQ is being issued pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B.

The RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and to reject any quote if the RMLD believes that it would not be in the best interest of the RMLD to make the award to that appraiser.

No agreement shall be valid or binding unless duly executed via contract or other writing signed by an authorized representative of the RMLD.

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Interested persons should submit cover letter and resume to:
The Stoneham Housing Authority
11 Parker Chase Road
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TOWN OF WINCHESTER
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - W12
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
(Full-time Position 40 hours)

The Town of Winchester seeks a qualified candidate for a Special Equipment Operator position available at the Department of Public Works in the Maintenance department. This is a union position under the Service Employees International Union (SEIU Local 888). Complete job description is available online at www.winchester.us. Qualified applicants must possess a CDL with Airbrake Endorsement and a 2A Hydraulic License.

Hiring range is \$24.26/hr - \$26.35/hr.
Please submit a completed application, letter of interest and resume to
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Town of Winchester
71 Mount Vernon Street
Winchester MA 01890
no later than Tuesday August 20, 2020
The Town of Winchester is an equal opportunity employer.

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781-238-5690

TOWN OF WINCHESTER
Transfer Station Scale Operator - W12
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51 Beaverbrook Rd was sold to Lorrey, Emily by Rembhotkar, Prashant and Rembhotkar, Madhuli for \$580,000 on 08/18/20

23 Daniel Dr was sold to Chaklos, Sabrina T by Dubois 2016 RET and Merva, Paula A for \$757,500 on 08/17/20

25 Freeport Dr was sold to Rashidifard, Bijan and Rashidifard, Robyn C by Clancy, Helen M for \$637,500 on 08/20/20

9 Gedick Rd was sold to RETalic, Patricia A by Clancy, Jason F and Clancy, Paul J Clancy, Sheenagh for \$434,000 on 08/20/20

NORTH READING

54 Brassie Way #54 was sold to Mitropoulos, Nicholas J and Mitropoulos, Maureen by Kerri J Bozarjian FT and Bozarjian, Kerri J for \$528,000 on 08/20/20

8 Cleek Ct #8 was sold to Ciampa, Paul F and Ciampa, Denise A by Mitropoulos, Nicholas J and Mitropoulos, Maureen for \$526,500 on 08/19/20

4 Fairway Rd was sold to Best, Susan by Thorpe, Patrick C and Thorpe, Maureen E for \$807,000 on 08/21/20

2 Greenmeadow Dr was sold to Keefe, Joseph D by Pennie, Colin J and Mcmillan, Kelli M for \$547,000 on 08/18/20

10 Harvest Ln was sold to Coen, Robert and Coen, Kerri by Cordy, Robert J and Cordy, Margaret M for \$800,000 on 08/20/20

31 Marshall St was sold to Goshey, Damian and Goshey, Courtney O by John M Intorio RET and Intorcio, John M for \$780,000 on 08/17/20

READING

60 Ash Hill Rd was sold to Phillion, Michael D and Phillion, Holli E by Zou, Linghai and Shao, Xuying for \$653,000 on 08/20/20

57 Augustus Ct #4011 was sold to Gardner, Emily B by Capraro-Phaup, Debra F for \$489,900 on 08/21/20

12 Chestnut Rd was sold to Zhang, Lu by

12 Chestnut LLC for \$370,000 on 08/21/20

17 Dudley St was sold to Bramante, Joseph and Bramante, Rachel by Brown, Gregory K and Brown, Ilene R for \$835,000 on 08/21/20

118 Fairchild Dr was sold to D Emery Separate Prop T and Emery, Darren by Nancy A Minichiello T and Minichiello, Nancy A for \$825,000 on 08/18/20

913 Gazebo Cir #913 was sold to Nezu, Patricia A by Cayton, Perry G and Cayton, Wendy E for \$450,000 on 08/21/20

3 Lawrence Rd was sold to Mcmillan, Christian J by Ronan, Elizabeth L for \$519,000 on 08/19/20

7 Melendy Dr was sold to Summerlin, Christopher G and Summerlin, Laurie A by Vakili, Hajir and Daneshvar, Maryam for \$770,000 on 08/18/20

STONEHAM

8 Common St #2 was sold to Zhang, Teresa by Richmond-Smith, Joy for \$378,000 on 08/20/20

120 Fellsview Ter #121 was sold to Fox, Joseph M by Demarco, Larry J for \$263,000 on 08/17/20

261 Green St was sold to Wetterhorn, Karl M and Chaplin, Christina J by Elliott, Richard and Elliott, Karen for \$556,000 on 08/21/20

TEWKSBURY

15 Bemis Cir was sold to Reilly, Charles M by Cuozzo, Helen for \$407,000 on 08/18/20

121 Germano Dr was sold to Yanovitch, Amanda and Yanovitch, Patrick by Accancia, Peter J and Accancia, Lynne M for \$555,000 on 08/21/20

28 Jills Way #28 was sold to Patel, Hevan Y and Patel, Rudraxi M by Leifer, Jill K and Leifer, James E for \$585,000 on 08/20/20

38 Jills Way #38 was sold to Russell, Jean K by Carol H Obrien T and Obrien, Carol H for \$540,000 on 08/17/20

52 Jills Way #52 was sold to Adesina, Lucia

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6 Laurie Dr was sold to Espera, Jacques M and Delmy, Naslene by Morris, Anna M and Morris, Luke L for \$440,000 on 08/19/20

1215 Main St #105 was sold to Sylvester Electric Inc by JSJ Realty LLC for \$240,000 on 08/21/20

1215 Main St #106 was sold to Sylvester Electric Inc by JSJ Realty LLC for \$240,000 on 08/21/20

WAKEFIELD

7 Bartlett St #9 was sold to Yu, Syng M and Yu, Brittany K by JDR Rly Investments LLC for \$750,000 on 08/20/20

1 Hillcrest Rd was sold to Dunn, Briana J and Benck, Jesse D by Mauriello Ronald F Est and Mauriello, Ronald F for \$637,300 on 08/20/20

22 Nahant St was sold to Coleman, Katelyn and Williams, Jeffrey C by Hansson, Eric and Hansson, Heather M for \$540,000 on 08/17/20

4 Park Ave was sold to Kowal, Andrew G by Tanksley, Sarah T and Martinez, Ramon E for \$950,000 on 08/21/20

94 Parker Rd #A was sold to Hotz, John by Healy, John D and Healy, Krista L for \$512,000 on 08/21/20

51 Pleasant St was sold to Coley, Christian L and Homs, Justine by Carrier, John F and McCarty-Carrier, Karen for \$740,000 on 08/21/20

68 Preston St #4F was sold to Kerrigan, Lynne A by Scire, Jessica for \$305,500 on 08/17/20

38 Richardson Ave #38 was sold to Vaglica, Michael T by Seferian, Valentina for \$393,000 on 08/21/20

18 Summer St was sold to Pinecrest Realty Vent LLC by Stevens RET and Kelloway, Mary E for \$550,000 on 08/17/20

WILMINGTON

11 Cleveland Ave was sold to Patel, Uravshiben by Daniely, Sean and Matos, Deanna M for \$750,000 on 08/17/20

16 Concord St was sold to Pereira, Matthew and Whalen, Emily by Casey, Jonathan and Casey, Jensine for \$450,000 on 08/17/20

16 Crescent St was sold to McGowan, James and McGowan, Jaclyn by Margaret Blonigen T and Consigli, Diane for \$450,000 on 08/19/20

61 Forest St was sold to Roddy, Samantha and Dolabany, Patrick by Venezia, Craig for \$680,161 on 08/21/20

12 Harold Ave was sold to Stokes, Kristofer and Stokes, Lisa by 12 Harold NT and Richardson, Wendy for \$565,000 on 08/18/20

WINCHESTER

74 Arlington St #31 was sold to 74 The Future NT and Bartlett, Edward J by Goldhammer Joan P Est and Oneil, Gerald F for

\$2,105,000 on 08/20/20

74 Arlington St #36 was sold to 74 The Future NT and Bartlett, Edward J by Goldhammer Joan P Est and Oneil, Gerald F for \$2,105,000 on 08/20/20

92 Bacon St was sold to 92 Bacon NT and Lee, Jennifer C by Alan & Jane Macdonald FT and Macdonald, Alan G for \$1,425,000 on 08/21/20

148 Forest St was sold to Qiu, Fengdan by Peloquin, Robert G and Peloquin, Courtney C for \$1,190,000 on 08/19/20

9 Gershon Way #9 was sold to Fico, Joseph J and Fico, Maureen C by Bek Winchester Winning for \$1,411,000 on 08/17/20

36 Hemingway St was sold to Shou, Chong and Zhou, Youqin by Birch Tree T and Murray, Robert W for \$1,572,500 on 08/20/20

10 Hillside Ave was sold to Broderick, Edward A and Hasiotis, Alik M by Saddi, Venugopal and Goli, Sandhya for \$2,620,000 on 08/20/20

62 Irving St was sold to Lombardo, James P by Yu, Bo Y and Sun, Yili for \$1,040,000 on 08/17/20

4 Olde Lyme Rd was sold to Mbellab LLC by Kaloyanides, James B and Kaloyanides, Courtney B for \$1,300,000 on 08/20/20

WOBURN

27 Arlington Rd #16 was sold to Whitaker, Kyle J by Malouf, Alexia for \$310,000 on 08/17/20

22 Flagg St was sold to Muse, Dana P and Collins, Cynthia A by Masotta Angelo P Est and Irwin, Ellen C for \$399,000 on 08/17/20

4 Gettysburg Rd was sold to Lavita, Salvi A and Lavita, Pamela J by Lynch, Nancy A for \$750,000 on 08/17/20

76 Holton St was sold to 76 Holton LLC by Holton LLC for \$7,600,000 on 08/20/20

299 Lexington St #36 was sold to Pogharian, Paul and Timmermans, Karen by SF Dev Partners LLC for \$728,900 on 08/20/20

299 Lexington St #37 was sold to Byrne, Denis and Byrne, Joan by Shannon Farm Dev LLC for \$814,900 on 08/20/20

28 Mayflower Rd was sold to Henderson, Zachary E and Henderson, Karen M by Okeefe, Janet L and Cronin, Robert F for \$603,000 on 08/20/20

74 Pearl St was sold to Murphy, Donna-Jo by Engel, Hadrian R and Eigel, Kate for \$625,000 on 08/17/20

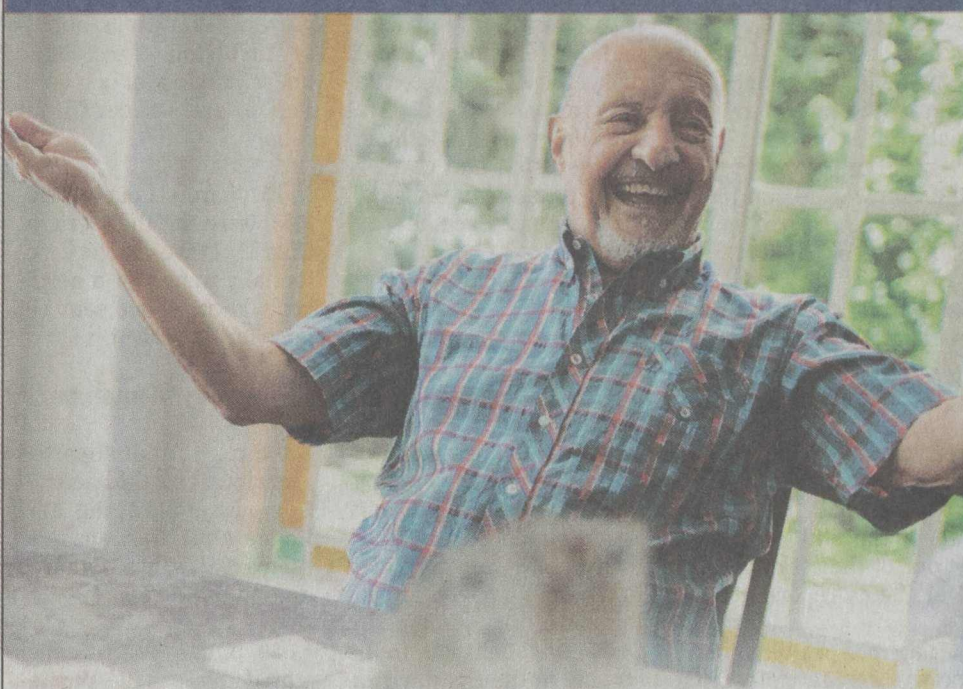
LYNNFIELD

1377 Main St was sold to Porte-Sullivan, Caitlin and Sullivan, Kristen by Ternulic, Joseph L and Ternullo, Lisa A for \$1,280,000 on 08/18/20

6 Otter Pond Rd was sold to Cavaleri, Christopher A by Cavaleri, Susan W for \$540,000 on 08/20/20

61 Stillman Rd was sold to Doyle, Gary and Doyle, Katie by Leader, David M and Leader, Susan B for \$705,000 on 08/17/20

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Tewksbury Police Log

Couple busted for possession of crack cocaine

Monday, August 31

12:37 p.m. - Police attempted to stop a motorcycle on Route 495 South by the Trull Road bridge. The motorcycle continued on at a high rate of speed. Officer filed a report.

2:51 p.m. - A suspicious male was at South Street and McLaren Road. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

4:13 p.m. - Police sent by the Blaire House for a report of a past assault by two of the staff members by one of the residents. Officer filed a report.

5:48 p.m. - A guest made threats at Marriott Town Place Suites on Saturday, which was not reported then, but the guest had since returned and they would like him removed. Police sent. The party had not trespassed and had vacated the property. Officer filed a report.

7:21 p.m. - Police out at Marriott Residence Inn to check on a motor vehicle. Ileana Lopez, 41, of 35 Warren St. in Lawrence,

was arrested and charged with possession of class B drugs (crack cocaine). David Brown, 61, of 142 Pleasant Valley St. in Methuen, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs (crack cocaine).

Tuesday, September 1

8:02 a.m. - Manager from Fairfield Inn reported one of his employees were being harassed last night. Police sent. The male party was asking the employee for a date and was only an unwanted party. No information was provided for the male party, including name or description. Male was believed to be staying at the Holiday Inn. Police checked the Holiday Inn and nothing was found.

2:12 p.m. - There was a suspicious male wearing a lime green vest walking up the road at Mitchell G Drive. He was at the caller's property. Police sent and the party checked out OK.

7:25 p.m. - Employee at Fairfield Inn wished to speak with an officer re-

garding suspicious activity involving the female guest staying at a room. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

10:57 p.m. - Couple vehicles were in the area at Charles Drive and one potentially went over a neighbor's lawn. Police sent but gone for on arrival.

Wednesday, September 2

10 a.m. - Caller reported girlfriend keyed his car at Compass Packaging Inc. Police sent. They spoke to the party. Officer followed up and did a report.

1:29 p.m. - A 911 caller stated two male parties yelled at him about ATM not working at Galloway's Gorcerette. Police sent. Justin Jonas, 32, of 149 Portland Ave. in Dover, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for breaking and entering vehicle daytime.

1:31 p.m. - A vehicle set up a camera as in news camera at Tewksbury Memorial High School. Officer sent, but the male was

gone on arrival.

2:26 p.m. - Detective out at Holiday Inn spoke to two parties. Justin Mace-ro, 43, of 35 Burn St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession class A drugs and possession class B drugs.

Thursday, September 3

10:39 a.m. - Lawrence Police Department called in looking for party with a warrant at Compass Packaging. Police sent. Anthony Rodriguez, 38, of 24 Cypress St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for courtesy booking.

5:23 p.m. - A couple speeding vehicles in the area at Pringle Street and County Road. One vehicle described as red SUV and went down Baldwin. Police sent but he could not locate him.

Friday, September 4

1:32 p.m. - A 911 caller stated male party in the car at a handicapped spot at Oakdale Liquors. Police

sent. Mark Mooka, 52, of 32 Adams St. in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor.

5:03 p.m. - The caller's son came to pick up his vehicle at Deering Drive and the male had an active RO. Police sent. Michael Pelletier, 55, of 69 Deering Dr. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with violate abuse prevention order.

10:36 p.m. - Suspicious activity at Boudreau's Automotive. Police sent and spoke to the parties. All was clear.

Saturday, September 5

1:49 a.m. - Police out at Stadium Plaza with a suspicious party. Michael Campbell, 69, of 193 Middlesex St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with Lowell Default Warrant.

8:10 a.m. - Walk in party reported suspicious vehicle in the area of Village Green Apartment possibly photographing vehicle. Log entry requested and spoke to the party.

9:43 a.m. - The manager from Market Basket reported a male party outside making threats to kill people. Police sent. Ambulance sent and transport-

ed one to Saints Hospital. Officer filed a report.

7:31 p.m. - Clerk from Holiday Inn reported an unwanted male. Male was given a no trespass order today. Officer reported male's ride was enroute to pick him up. Male was unable to make any contact for a ride since earlier incident.

9:34 p.m. - Loud music at Shawsheen Street. Police sent. They spoke with the home owner who were having a family function. They would turn the music down and stop by 10 o'clock. Officers would check back after 10.

11:59 p.m. - The caller heard a small child screaming across the street at Patriot Road. The caller was unsure if the child was in or outside of the house. Police reported everything checked out OK.

Sunday, September 6

3:39 a.m. - Police out at Holiday Inn for suspicious activity. The parties were just sleeping and would be leaving soon.

12:06 p.m. - Teenagers played on the tracks and climbed the blinking poles at Market Basket Warehouse. Police sent and they spoke to the parties.



Wilmington Police Log

Hopkinton man arrested, charged with stealing from the elderly and credit card theft

Friday, August 28:

1:47 p.m.: Police on Route 62 spotted gravel and gravel dust spilled onto the highway and Ramp 40. Benevento was notified for cleanup.

2:42 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Chevrolet Equinox and a Toyota RAV4 occurred at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street. One of the vehicles wound up on some rocks in the area after the crash; both were towed.

10:53 p.m.: A Fire De-

partment medical vehicle responded after a Honda Accord crashed between Exits 41 and 42 on I-93. The vehicle's airbags deployed.

Saturday, August 29:

12:55 a.m.: A Ford Escape's battery died while the vehicle was on the highway; it was towed to the parking lot of Target on Ballardvale Street to be retrieved in the morning.

12:11 p.m.: A Fire Department ambulance took one injured party to Win-

chester Hospital after a collision by Cumberland Farms on Main Street, which included a Dodge Intrepid and a Honda Accord.

1:33 p.m.: A Kia Amanti hit and damaged the collapsible guardrail on the I-93 overpass over Lowell Street. The vehicle's airbags deployed.

Sunday, August 30:

7:08 a.m.: The Fire Department assisted with a carbon monoxide detector activation accompanied by smoke in a residence

on Wedgewood Avenue.

11:55 a.m.: A tree fell on a Buick Envision on Lowell Street. The road was temporarily closed.

Monday, August 31:

1:37 p.m.: Cameron Newton, 24, of 4 Abbott Court in Woburn was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and speeding after he was found driving a Ford Fusion on I-93 while drunk.

2:09 p.m.: The Water De-

partment was called in to fix a water main break in the area of Woburn Street and Lowell Street.

3:30 p.m.: A Buick Lucerne and a Cadillac SRX were in a collision on Ramp 38 off of Lowell Street.

Tuesday, September 1:

10:04 a.m.: A dump truck got caught on a guardrail on Ramp 40 and had to be towed. The guardrail was damaged.

11:11 a.m.: Matthew Calandrello, 34, of 276 Wood St. in Hopkinton was arrested for larceny valued over \$250 from a disabled or elderly person and credit card theft valued over \$1,200.

12:18 p.m.: The Fire Department transported one patient to Lahey for treatment after they drove off Ramp 40 and into the

woods.

3:44 p.m.: Police facilitated an information exchange between the owners of a Toyota Camry and a RAM 1500 after a collision at the intersection of Cheyenne Drive and Concord Street. One of the drivers had been unwilling to exchange insurance information prior to the arrival of police.

Wednesday, September 2:

2:43 a.m.: A mailbox on Boutwell Street was damaged; no other mailboxes were damaged in the area, and it is unclear whether the damage was malicious.

9:12 a.m.: The Fire Department spotted a dog in the bed of a truck. Police caught up with the truck and informed the driver that this is against animal transport law.

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Tewksbury

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TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., is hosting a "DRIVE UP-DROP OFF" non-perishable food drive to benefit the Tewksbury Community Pantry on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Food donations will go directly to the Pantry to help stock their shelves and fill up their food boxes for their monthly distribution. Non-perishable items such as dish soap, shampoo,

disposable razors, shaving cream, napkins, paper towels, trash bags, food storage bags, laundry detergent, deodorant, and food items such as peanut butter, jelly of all flavors, fluff, hot and cold cereal, pancake mix and syrup, pasta, coffee, tea, juice, and baking items such as flour, sugar and oil are all appreciated.

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Lifestyle



Back-to-school shopping a bit different this year

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

The passing of Labor Day brings the unofficial end of summer. It means the end of cookouts, beach days, and to some of the older generation, the end of wearing the color "white" until after next Memorial Day!

Regardless of the fashion rules you may follow, Labor Day weekend is also the unofficial beginning of the new school year, and the peak of back to school shopping.

The school shopping season is second only to the Christmas shopping season, and many retailers depend on this heavy spending push after the slower summer shopping season.

According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), this year the average family will spend \$789.49 on back to school shopping, topping last year's record of \$696.70 per family.

As a whole, the NRF is expecting back to school sales to reach a total of \$33.9 billion, up from

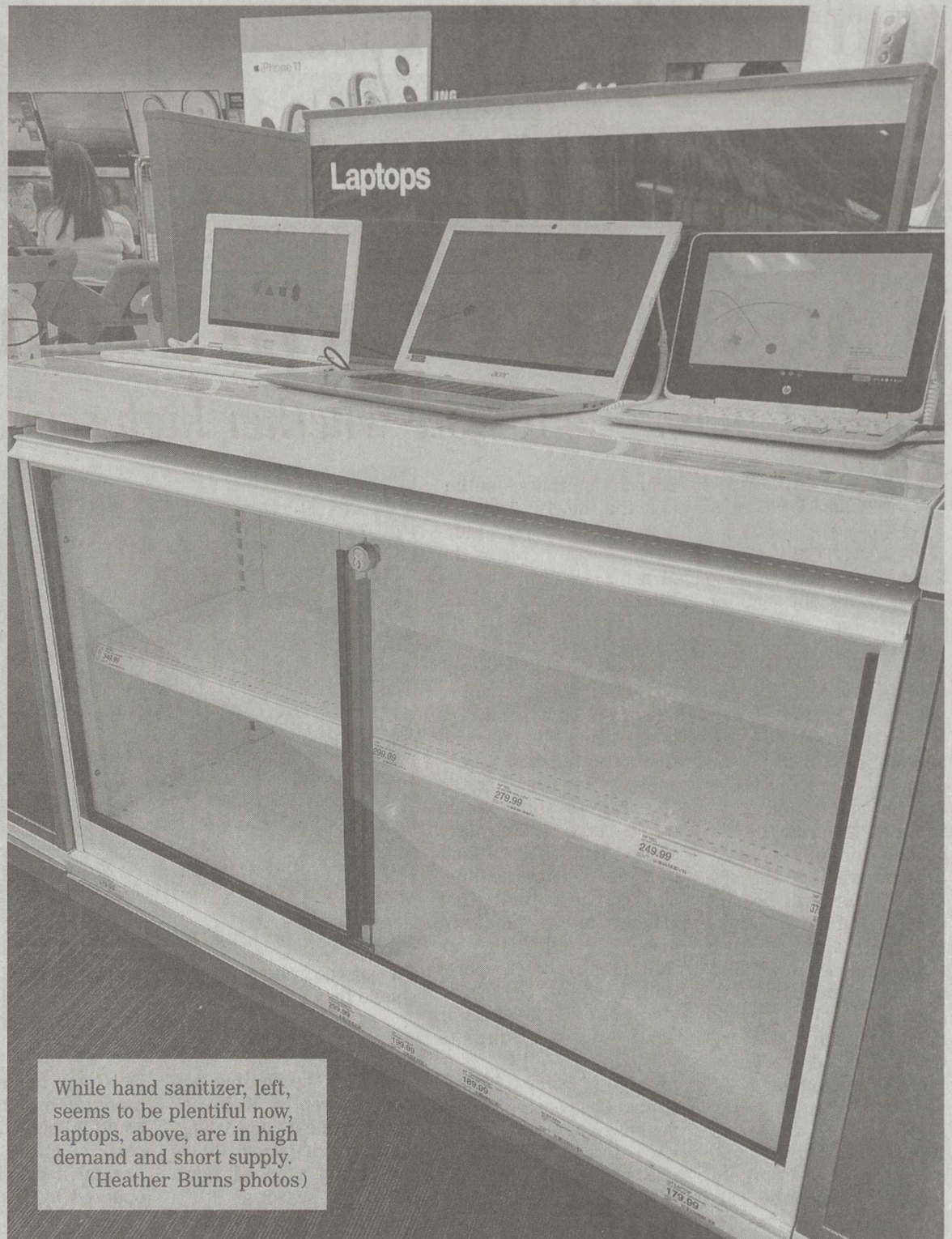
\$26.2 billion in 2019. However, where the money will be spent this year may change from past years.

According to projections in a recent survey done by Deloitte, the largest international professional accounting service network, back to school consumers will be spending their money differently than in the past three years.

While in the past clothing and school supplies took up the bulk of the back to school shopping budget, this year spending will be focused on electronics purchases, desks, and personal hygiene products.

Because many school systems are choosing remote learning or hybrid learning, with limited in person school hours, students are more likely to dress casually, spending less on new back to school wardrobes.

Jokes are prevalent on social media about the fact that Americans are spending most of their time wearing pajamas due to working from home and remote classrooms for students. But for retailers, this is no



While hand sanitizer, left, seems to be plentiful now, laptops, above, are in high demand and short supply. (Heather Burns photos)

laughing matter.

Although back to school spending is projected to be up, many mall apparel stores are bracing for a "soft" back to school shopping season.

Much of the back-to-school clothes shopping is expected to be absorbed by big box stores like Target and Walmart, in part because families are limiting public exposure due to COVID-19, and are making less trips to the store. Big box stores offer one stop shopping for all their back to school needs (clothing, electronics, school supplies), and eliminate a trip to the mall.

These shopping trends are also similar for college students. With many schools choosing not to have students on campus, or giving the option of remote learning, the sales of dorm room items like bedding and bath accessories is expected to be down this year.

If you have not started back to

school shopping yet because of the Massachusetts delay of the first day of school, be prepared to hit some bumps in the shopping road.

Because of the high demand due to remote working and learning, there is a shortage of laptops this shopping season.

If you are still on the hunt for a laptop for your student, experts recommend you be flexible and have a backup plan if you are eyeing a certain computer model. You may also want to consider a desktop PC, which tends to be in better supply than laptop computers.

There might be a need to get a bit creative if you are still looking for an at home desk or workstation for your student. Many inexpensive student desks are on backorder, as retailers have had an unexpected surge of desk purchases in recent months due to the pandemic.

Consider a small folding table

from a home improvement store and some stackable, plastic drawers to keep school supplies nearby in place of a traditional desk.

Another "do it yourself" choice for a desk could be two small bookshelves with a piece of laminate countertop, that is also available at home improvement stores. This will provide a workspace with storage for books and supplies.

There is no denying that the 2020/21 school year will look nothing like other school sessions experienced in recent years. With careful shopping, planning, and perhaps some creative thinking, our students can still have a memorable and productive school year, be it in the classroom or at your kitchen table. Our collective support for the student body, starting at kindergarten up to the college campus, will help pave a smoother path for the future of us all.

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Speed on over to the New England Dragway

A warm summer evening was the perfect time to visit Epping, New Hampshire's New England Dragway to watch the street car races. While this might not be the first activity one has in mind for a Friday night, I am pleased to report it was a family-friendly,

interesting and easy activity that got us out of the house in a safe and socially distanced way.

The track is about an hour from here and we drove in at the last minute and got our tickets at the gate. The track hosts larger events which sell out, so

check the website in advance before heading out. The entry fee was modest and parking is on a grassy field which serves both visitors and participants alike.

There's quite an array of giant car trailers, RVs, campers and vintage vehicles

which were clearly settling in for the Labor Day weekend races. It was easy to walk amongst the cars, talk to the participants and peek into the work bays of those who travel the circuit and are passionate about their sport.

After all these years of wondering what was inside those giant white or black rectangular trailers we'd pass on the highway, we saw cars, trucks, motorbikes, tool boxes, golf carts, spare parts and double decker transports. Racing is a hobby, an investment, and a passion for these folks.

According to the raceway's history on their website, New England Dragway is the only 1/4 mile drag strip in New England. It is open four days a

week from the beginning of April through the end of October featuring everything from street racing to world class events such as the annual NHRA New England Nationals. The track opened in 1966 and has been upgraded several times through the hard work of racers and racing fans. The park hosts swap meets and other events throughout the season.

After touring the holding area for the cars, we picked our spot in the large bleachers to watch the races. It was easy to social distance as it was not crowded despite the perfect summer evening, but masks are required.

We noticed food concessions providing standard midway fare, including slush, BBQ, chicken fingers and the like. There were lots of families, kids and older couples at the track. We found it a comfortable and friendly environment.

We visited on street night which is designed for beginners. These races let entrants drag race their car to see how fast they can go in as quick a time as possible. We saw Cadillac SUVs, souped-up Honda Civics, Camaro SSS, pick-up trucks, Audis, Mustangs, Chargers, Hellcats, a Lamborghini — an incredible range of cars.

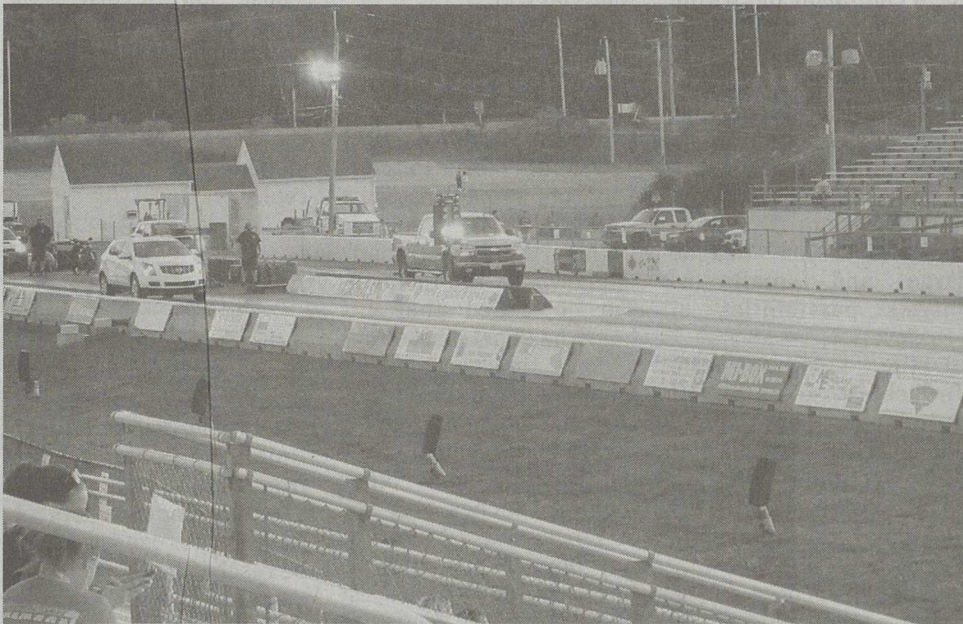
In addition, we saw motorcycles, junior dragsters driven by kids, and even snowmobiles out on the track. Street nights have rules for safety reasons and people use the track as a way to get the thrill of driving their cars fast, or testing modifications that they may have made to their engines.

As a spectator, we'd recommend bringing ear protection or ear plugs.

The quarter mile speed and time is recorded on giant displays at the end of the track. It was amazing to see speeds of up to 150 miles per hour on that quarter mile, with cars squealing tire as they powered off the start and pushed their vehicles to the limit. We'd definitely recommend checking out the New England Dragway over the next few weeks as a way to get out and enjoy the weather while supporting a neat New England institution.

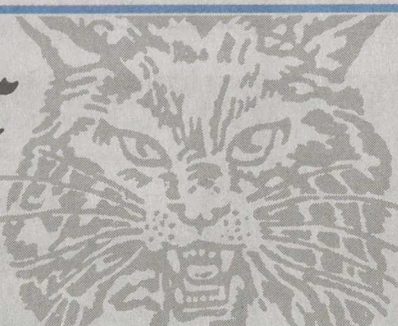
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◀ A vintage Dodge Charger, one of the many cars awaiting their turn at the New England Dragway. (Paige Impink photos)



◀ A Chevy pickup and a Cadillac wait to test their speed at the dragway.





The answer will come on Tuesday

School Committee to vote whether high school sports will be played or not

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WILMINGTON - On Sunday, it was announced on social media that the Wilmington School Committee Meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th has been pushed back to Tuesday night, September 15th.

Among the many issues on the board that night includes the vote by the school committee members on whether the student-athletes will be able to have: full participation, modified participation or no participation for this upcoming athletic year starting with the fall sports season, with tryouts scheduled to begin on Monday, September 21st.

At the previous SC Meeting back on August 26th, Wilmington High's newly named Athletic Director Mia Muzio gave a presentation to the

School Committee outlining the newly designed four seasons and guidelines, set by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, the DESE and the EEA.

The four seasons include: fall, winter, "floating" and spring. All four seasons will run relatively shorter than a typical sports season, and the "floating season", which would start on February 22nd, would include football, cheerleading, Unified basketball (not offered in Wilmington), possibly volleyball, as well as any other sports that have to be moved from either the fall or winter season due to COVID-19.

Nearly every league which has been granted permission by their respective schools to go ahead with full participation with the fall league, has elected to move vol-



One of the returners on this year's WHS Golf team -- should they get the OK to play -- includes Jack Twoomey. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

leyball to the floating season. Currently, WHS has yet to name its new volleyball coach after Bruce Shainwald stepped down after four seasons.

At that last SC Meeting, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Glenn Brand's recommendation that WHS could follow whatever the rest of the Middlesex League decided, was not opposed by the members of the School Committee, however, they will have

the final vote come Tuesday.

Wilmington is slated to begin its tenth year as a member of the Middlesex League, competing in the Freedom Division along with Burlington, Melrose, Stoneham, Wakefield and Watertown.

This past week the Middlesex League announced the following information regarding high school athletics for the fall season based on the guidelines set by the MIAA, EEA, DESE:

*Boys & Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Golf, and Cross Country will take place this Fall Season. Tryouts/practices begin on Monday, September 21st;

*Football, Cheering, Girls Volleyball, and Girls Swim have been moved to Fall 2/Floating Season. This will run from February 22nd to April 25th;

*There will be a 10-game

schedule for all Varsity Teams with the exception of Cross Country. They will have five meets. There will be a maximum of an eight-game schedule for all Sub-Varsity Teams. (Again with the exception of Cross Country);

*All games will be played on Saturdays (10/3 to 11/21) and on the October and November Holidays (10/12 & 11/11). Golf will be played during the week based on availability of courses;

*Teams will compete against one school in all sports on the same weekend to limit the contact with other communities;

*There will be no transportation provided to any games, home or away;

*Varsity Teams will practice three times per week and Sub-Varsity Teams will practice two times per week;

*There will be one fan permitted per student-athlete at each athletic con-

Turner offers his thoughts on football season being moved to February

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WILMINGTON - For the past three years, Craig Turner has spent the majority of the Labor Day holiday fully invested into his Wilmington High School Football program. Whether it was practice, films, meetings with coaches and players, this day was always a very busy one as the team would have just three more days before the season would officially start.

Reached by telephone on Monday morning, things were much different for him on this Labor Day Holiday.

"It's obviously very strange. I was telling my wife (on Sunday) night that it's the first time I've had Labor Day off since I can remember," he said.

Like every other high school football coach here in Massachusetts, Turner has some extra time on his hands from now until late February when football will hopefully begin.

"I'm happy that we're giving a shot to at least try to get a season in, but it's really tough on the kids," he said. "They have been working really hard all summer, so we're trying to stay positive and keep them in the right frame of mind. Football in February, I'll be quite honest, I don't know how that's going to play out but I'm happy that they are at least giving us a chance to play."

Coming off two tough seasons with records of 3-8 and 4-7, Turner was hoping that with the young nucleus of players who took their lumps while getting the varsity experience, could take the next step up starting with what would have been the season opener this Friday against Woburn. With the season moved to the "floating season", he was asked if he thought the right decision was made.

"It's tough because they are playing in New Hampshire. I live in Westford so I'm ten minutes away from Nashua and they'll be playing football there, but we can't here," he said. "It's tough. You turn on ESPN on Friday nights and you see high school football games on each week, so I think there's 37 states in

the country that are playing football now in the fall season. Unfortunately we're not one of them.

"Do I think we could have done it safely? Yes. But I also know there are a lot of moving parts, especially with the stuff of just getting kids back into school I think athletics rightfully are put on the backburner unfortunately, but at the same time the kids need to get back to normal - or as normal as we can."

As far as he knows, Turner said all of the coaches on his staff and all of the players will be part of the program come February.

"I haven't heard anybody that's not. I've had a couple of kids ask me if they can play soccer in the fall and I said sure, absolutely, go ahead," he said. "Our kids have worked really hard all summer. Normally the coaching staff would run workouts and we haven't been able to get into the building and do any of that yet."

"We haven't been able to do anything at the field, the kids have informally done a lot of stuff on their own. I think it was kind of a kick in the gut when they heard that we weren't going to be playing because it keeps getting pushed back. I really do think that giving us a shot to at least trying to have a season is what is most important."

The fall schedule had Wilmington with non-league games against Woburn and Somerville to open the season before getting into the Middlesex League games against Melrose, Watertown, Burlington, Stoneham and Wakefield before three weeks of either playoffs or the non-playoff format, and then Thanksgiving against Tewksbury. The schedule for the February season will be different. Turner said that he has not heard anything thus far about the new schedule.

In last week's Tewksbury Town Crier, TMHS Football coach Brian Aylward said that since the MIAA realigned the districts from across the state, non-league games can only be held within own districts, which in Wilmington and

Tewksbury's sake, would be teams from the Middlesex League, Merrimack Valley Conference and also the Dual County League.

"We're going to try to squeeze as many games during that time period that we can," said Aylward. "We are looking at a couple of different models that we can do within the guidelines that have been handed out by the MIAA - you can stay within your league and within your district. We have traditionally been in District-A, which would be all of the MVC teams, some of the Northeast Conference teams and some Dual County and Middlesex League teams. "The thing about the three leagues is there's no leagues of eleven teams and one league that has 12 teams, so there's 34 teams that are already split into a large and small so there's different ways you can go about it."

Both Aylward and Turner were asked if they knew if there would be any kind of playoff format.

"I haven't heard anything about the schedule, except I know all of the dates," said Turner. "I'm sure there won't be any kind of playoffs or I don't see how they could with such a short time frame. I was expecting them to do some kind of conference championship game, just based on the time table that there is so maybe something can be worked out so there's some kind of postseason for the kids. One of the things that a lot of the kids have said to me is that they are hoping that there is some kind of playoff system because they want something to work towards. I can't disagree with them."

"I just hope (the MIAA) is creative and follows suit with how they were able to fit football in, that they would have that type of creativity to create some kind of postseason for the kids. It's unfortunate that they are not doing that in the fall for the kids who are playing those sports. I don't understand the logic there."

Aylward said in last week's edition that is thinks there could be a possibility of it, but he hasn't heard anything



Wilmington High's Stephen Smolinsky, one of this year's Varsity Football captains, is getting tackled by Tewksbury's Tyler Keough during last year's Thanksgiving Day Game. Smolinsky and the rest of the Wildcats will have to wait until late February to put the pads back on.

concrete.

"I think we do have some time to look at everything," said Aylward. "We have some time to look at the possibility of kids playing for a championship within your league. Everyone will have that type of opportunity to play all of the teams in your league, whether it's the MVC large and small, the Middlesex League Liberty and Freedom Divisions and Middlesex League large and small, so there's possibilities of crossovers."

Dating back to 1935, Tewksbury and Wilmington have played one another, with almost all of the games on either Armistice/Veteran's Day or Thanksgiving morning. Since there won't be any touchdowns scored on the holiday this November, Aylward was asked if a game against the Wildcats is still on the table.

"Wilmington would be within our district," he answered. "Every team, large or small, in the three leagues, in order to fill out your schedule, are going to need to play some crossover games. I want to say that there's maybe five or six combinations of

traditional Thanksgiving opponents that are not within the same league. Those schools could use those games as a crossover. Those are all things being

talked about, so it's just a matter of putting something together that's in the best interest of the kids and give them a semblance of a normal season that you can."

Turner did have an idea when it came to the possibility of playing Tewksbury this year.

"Maybe we'll play Tewksbury on Patriots Day or something," he said.

While there's so many unknowns at the moment, Turner added that his heart has been broken for a long time because of what the high school kids have had to go through for the last six months.

"I was talking to other football coaches over the summer and I never at any point expected us to have a fall season just because of the way stuff was going on around here (in the state) with the trend. I was hoping we would but it just never felt like it was going to happen which is sad," said Turner. "I think I tweeted out that I don't know what I'm going to be doing on Thanksgiving."

"The whole thing just stinks and I just feel so bad for the kids. They certainly have been given a tough situation, so I just hope that we can make football in February as close to normal football as we can for those kids. I do feel bad about complaining that we are mov-

ing our season to February when the teams and the kids from this past spring lost their entire seasons and they didn't even have a chance. Those juniors lost that season and now we're supposed to have this fall season, so if and when it happens, it's not going to be the season that they envisioned and that's just really tough."

TD CLUB CAR WASH

The annual Football Car Wash will be held on Sunday September 13, 2020 at the Fourth of July Building Parking Lot from 9 am-12 pm.

In the event of inclement weather, the car wash will be rescheduled for Sunday September 20, 2020 during the same time. All monies raised from donations will benefit the WHS Football Program. The Team is looking forward to getting back on the field for the "wedge season" scheduled to begin on February 22, 2021.

The TDC would like to thank the parents, community members and local businesses for their ongoing support to raise funds for scholarships, equipment and expenses not covered by the athletic budget.

A home run trot down memory lane with Gerry O'Reilly

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WILMINGTON -- Gerry O'Reilly just celebrated a birthday, and there is no need to disclose his age at the very top of this column. All one needs to know about O'Reilly are these words that so aptly describe the man who for many years was the number one Wilmington sports fan and gadabout about town. Got a sports question? See 'Scratch' O'Reilly's nickname that stuck through these many years. Want to have a heated sports discussion that would always end with a handshake that asked- 'see you later?' See O'Reilly. Gerry was there with the history and the stuff that local legends are made of. He was also the prime mover and shaker behind the meeting of the 'Wilmington Old Sports'- a group that has helped to keep the flame of Wilmington High School sports history burning since its' first meeting in March of 2008.

O'Reilly looks back on his baseball days with all the heart and soul of a man who lived for that first pitch every spring. Long after his playing days were over, O'Reilly could be seen leaning up against some backstop somewhere. Follow the bats and the balls, and there would be O'Reilly helping to offer some advice to a young player, or simply quietly observing and remembering that day when he whacked that first-and last- homerun. O'Reilly put his feelings about baseball and that first homer in a piece that he called 'The Ball Fields of Youth.' It is detailed in the location of events, but in the end what comes shining through is a love for the game of baseball in Wilmington.

"I remember the first homerun I hit. I was in the second grade at the Silver Lake School, and the playground was across the street from the school in what they called the 'icehouse' foundation. It was a red brick wall, two feet high that enclosed the 100 by 50 foot field. I hit a groundball up the middle that bounced over the wall, and I scampered home."

"Another ball field was at the end of Grove Avenue along the railroad tracks. If there were no

big kids (Gilligan and Stewart) around, we could use that field. If we felt a little intimidated by the bigger guys, we could walk around the corner to 'Benson's Park' on South Street near Lake. If we wanted to play a game later in the day we could go over to what we called the 'Row of Pines' between South Street and Nichols Street. Nichols met Brown Street, where there was another team, where the Wilmington kids would play ball- 'Atkins Grove.' There was always the field near Melzar's house near Silver Lake. Milligan's Grove' on the Tewksbury-Wilmington line was another of our favored fields for many years."

O'Reilly says that the little nooks and crannies that made up the baseball diamonds of his youth made many games worth remembering. Every bad hop, every long walk to a game that could last well over three hours. Then it would be on to another diamond- another nook and cranny.

"Thompson's Grove had a well-worn and over-used field that featured a left-field wall. It was a field that was surrounded by tall pine trees, and Saint Dorothy's Church was built right on that baseball field. We even played baseball on Pop Neilson's (Uncle of late Town Crier Publisher Larz Neilson) Field, where the Town Hall sits today." O'Reilly remembers Neilson selling corn that was grown on that particular field.

"I should also mention 'Maroon Field' on Cottage Street, but little kids never had a chance to use that diamond because the older guys would come around and take charge of that field. Both ends of the Town Common would be used- and well used. The entire Common would become grass-free and dusty, but that didn't matter much when it came time to play baseball."

"Some of our time was spent at the Whitfield School- but not much time for us 'Lake Kids.' I remember when we were just hanging around -one of us would say- 'let's go down to the Town Park.' We would grab our gloves- the few that we had- and walk down the train tracks to Town Park. When we got tired, we made the trek back along those same tracks back to the lake area. Today, some people are routinely arrested for being on those tracks. Today, it is a



The WHS Varsity Baseball team of 1949 and below, Gerry O'Reilly touches the plate after his third homerun in a 13-0 win over the Dracut Middies. It was O'Reilly's last homerun of that 1951 season- and the last of his Wilmington High School varsity baseball career.

crime report in the local papers. Years ago, it was a part of getting somewhere to play baseball."

"The fields where we played were tucked neatly into an area that would be 60 degrees rather than 90. The base-paths were worn-out and deep. The pitcher's mound was a deep depression in the middle of the diamond, and home plate was an even deeper hole, indicating that many other generations of players had used the same field. There were no backstops. The ball fields of my youth are gone now. There are homes built on the diamonds where Wilmington's kids played baseball. There were photographs taken that show what is on those fields today. These were the fields of times gone by."

"I remember that we were lucky to have one bat when we played games on those fields. The bat that we used was usually discarded by the big guys- the end was splintered and the shaft cracked, but the bat was always well-covered by some black friction tape. That was one mean looking bat. The baseball that we used was also black-taped, and the kid who did the taping always did a masterful job. This was all part of playing a game that we loved."

"The ball would be hard, heavy and shaped like a lemon. 'Tatersall's' sold 'brick' balls for a nickel, and they only survived a

few hard whacks. That's when the fake cover would crack off and the sawdust would spill out."

"The fields of my youth were used all summer long by the kids of Wilmington, and although the teams were picked by a regular 'pecking' order, the bigger kids always seemed to be in charge. When summer was over, 'tag rush' football took over the baseball fields. Wilmington really is fortunate today to have many well-manicured, green-grassed ballparks, but today the kids don't use those fields on hot summer days to play 'Rollsies at the Bat,' 'El Socko,' or 'Scrub.' For that matter, the kids today don't play stickball, half-ball, cork-ball or my personal favorite- rubber ball. Kids play today only when there are grown-ups in charge to blow the whistle."

From cornfields to baseball diamonds, Gerry O'Reilly's career carried from Little League to CYO ball to the Wilmington High School varsity. Crossing over from Tewksbury into Wilmington, O'Reilly was tracked down to round-out some facts for this column. He accepts a birthday greeting, and in typical O'Reilly fashion- gets right to the point. "Make sure that I get some credit (for the 'Old Sports' material). I'm 78." But the fact that he still cares enough to make a point speaks volumes. He was in full-



disclosure mode now. He remembers the last homer on a field that sparks even more memories even today.

O'Reilly was 18-years-old and a senior varsity baseball player at Wilmington High School. He stepped up to the plate and whacked his third round-tripper in a 13-0 rout of Dracut at the Town Park Field. The Wildcats were finishing up a tough season, but O'Reilly has a fond memory of this day.

Three homeruns in one game is big stuff. Sixty years ago Gerry 'Scratch' O'Reilly made his mark in the WHS' baseball history books. He went from playing in cornfields to rounding the bases at one of his favorite fields. That was quite a trip for the boy who played with taped balls and bats- and loved every minute of it.

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Amid changes, one thousand kids will return to WYSA

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WILMINGTON -- In the earlier years of this decade, in particular 2013 and 2014, the Town Crier would cover the annual Wilmington Youth Soccer Field Day event. That special once-a-year event, would have hundreds and hundreds of youth children from town, who would enjoy 3-on-3 soccer, but many other fun activities such as dunk tanks, moon bounces and face painting as part of a fundraising extravaganza.

"One of the things that we try to foster here is a spirit of the community," said then league president John Fitzler to the Crier. "And this day gives kids a chance to see their friends down here without having to play in a game."

Fast forward six years from those comments, and things have changed drastically with WYA - solely because of COVID-19.

After the spring season was canceled, current League President Dave Zaya and the rest of the Board of Directors may not be able to have 'Field Day' with hundreds of children gathered together, but they will have soccer.

"The Wilmington Youth Soccer Association is fortunate to have the opportunity to return to the soccer fields this Fall. We are excited for the upcoming season," said Zaya.

In last week's Town Crier, we outlined the changes and guidelines set for soccer at the high school level, which are completely drastic for this upcoming season. The youth level will be no different. Among the changes will include: no intentional heading the ball, no intentional body contact, no slide tackling, no throw-ins, no corner kicks, while masks have to be worn by all players, coaches, officials and limited spectators, with the exception for a "mask break" for the players, in which they will be forced to stand six feet apart from one another. There are many other changes and guidelines, and those listed above are just a handful of the most impactful.

"The game of soccer, our sessions, and the fields will look a little different this fall," said Zaya. "We will be following all of the guidelines and procedures issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Board of

Health, and Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) to provide an environment that is as safe as possible for our players, coaches, officials, and volunteers. This will be a shared effort between coaches, players, and parents."

Despite the changes, Zaya doesn't see a decline in total participation and gave details on the start of this fall season.

"Our intown season will kick off on September 12th for Kindergarten kids to Grade 2, then on September 19th for PreK program, and finally on September 26th for our Travel teams. Our numbers are fairly comparable with previous years, as we have close to 1,000 participants in our programs with about half in our intown and half in our travel programs."

"We will be spreading our programs out among multiple facilities. In addition to playing at Shawsheen Elementary School, we will be utilizing Woburn St Elementary School, Whitfield, and Yentile more than we have previously in order to limit the number of participants at the fields throughout the day."



Jada Santos (Outlaws) and Kailyn St Jean during the 2014 WYSA season.

(file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Like Tewksbury, Shawsheen gives go-ahead for Fall Sports Season

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BILLERICA - The recent announcement by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) that high school sports would return for the fall season, albeit in a somewhat modified format, was welcome news to players, coaches, athletic directors and parents throughout the state of Massachusetts, and Shawsheen Tech was no exception.

The return of sports this fall brought tremendous excitement to all involved in the athletic programs at Shawsheen, however, it also came with the reality that while sports are back, they may not look quite the same as we are used to. And it also came with the reality that everybody involved in participating in high school sports throughout the state will need to be prepared to adjust to the new guidelines set forth by the MIAA and DESE in order to make those sports as successful and enjoyable as possible for all of those involved.

Chief among those guidelines of course was the decision by the MIAA and DESE that Fall Football and Fall Cheering will NOT run during the traditional Fall season, but have instead been deferred to a "new" season, commonly referred to as Fall II, which is estimated to run between February 22nd and April 25th, 2021. For Shawsheen Tech that left Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Golf and Girls Volleyball as the sports of choice for the fall season. And it also left the administration at Shawsheen with a decision to make about which sports they felt would be safest to run for their students.

In that light, the Shawsheen administration, led by new superintendent Brad Jackson, made the decision to offer Golf, Cross Country, Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer during the traditional 2020 Fall Season, while moving Volleyball to the new Fall II season. Once again, the fall sports that will take place will do so under some strict guidelines in order to best provide a safe playing environment for the student athletes.

Among those guidelines set by the state is that sport will be limited to a maximum of ten competi-

tions, with at least one competition per week for Cross Country, Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer taking place on a weekend. (Golf is exempted from this rule due to limited weekend availability of courses). Many of the sports, particularly soccer, will also experience changes to how their game is played in order to follow social distancing protocols.

It will certainly be different, but the bottom line for Shawsheen and other schools in the state is that sports are back, and modified or not, that is great news for the Rams student athletes, according to Shawsheen athletic director and head football coach Al Costabile.

"We are very happy to be back playing. We are excited to have some sports back and to be headed in the right direction," Costabile said. "It's a good thing for the kids. Sports provides such great opportunities in so many ways for our students, be it health wise, attitude or so many other things. It can really be a plus for our student athletes."

"The most important thing is we are back playing. Just thinking back on the spring season and to see that canceled and how difficult that was for those kids, you don't want to see that happen again." With that being said Costabile knows that the return this will not be perfect, and that there is plenty of work to still be done in order to make things run smoothly when practices officially begin on September 21st. But he is counting on the contributions of the entire school community in order to make things work.

"A big factor in all of this is that there are a lot of modifications that have to be followed by players, coaches and spectators," Costabile said. "Everyone will have to sacrifice a lot. It will be the ultimate team effort. That includes things like wearing face masks and social distancing. People have to be ok with those things. And I think the sooner everybody conforms to it, the better it will be for everyone."

In a letter to the Shawsheen community, Superintendent Jackson laid out some of those expectations and sacrifices, which includes limited spectators, as well as no school provided transportation to and from games. In his letter Jackson stated, among other changes that:

1. For safety and operational reasons, Shawsheen will NOT be able to provide transportation to games and practices. Parents/Caregivers will be responsible for arranging all transportation to practice and games for their student-athletes.

2. To minimize risk to our student-athletes and coaches, the number of fans who can attend a competition will be limited to immediate family/caregivers and no more than two additional guests per athlete. All fans will be required to wear masks when on Shawsheen property and fans are expected to maintain a minimum of six (6) feet social distancing from one another.

The lack of transportation of course makes it more difficult for student athletes to get to their games, particularly on the road, but Costabile says it a necessary sacrifice for both safety and practical purposes.

"Because there is a limit on how many kids can be on a bus, it is more complicated than ever because bus companies would be more strained than ever. This just makes things safer and more reliable," Costabile said. "Sometimes it is difficult to get one bus for transportation, and now with the social distancing that would be required, we would need two buses instead of one, which would be very difficult."

"Beyond that, it is just one more way to keep our kids safe. It is a sacrifice that we will all have to make, but for the safety of the kids, I think it is a necessary one."

Among the biggest changes for the fall season will be multiple rules changes for soccer, including no slide tackles, no headers, no defensive walls, corner kicks now indirect kicks and that an indirect kick is awarded if you place your hands on any part of an opposing team member's body.

There will certainly be a learning curve in adapting to the new rules, but for Shawsheen Girls Soccer coach Doug Michaud, any discomfort due to the modifications to the game is outweighed by the fact that his team is lucky enough to be back on the field this fall.

"It is great to be back, especially for a lot of our girls who lost their spring season which was very tough on them," Michaud said. "They waited all summer to find out what would be happening and I know they are very happy to be coming back. We have 13 seniors coming back and I think they are excited to build off a very good season last year, and are excited to get going."

As for the multiple rules changes, Michaud knows there will be an adjustment period, but it will be the same for all teams, and he is sure his team will be able to adapt in time.

"I think our focus will be just keeping the ball on the ground as much as possible, and then of course the spacing of people and keeping people six feet apart during indirect kicks," Michaud said. "One of the things that will be interesting will be



Eryn Ward, of the Shawsheen Tech Girls' Soccer team, is shown here from last year's season clearing the ball out in a game against Lowell Catholic. The Rams will be gearing up to go once this fall season finally gets underway.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

having no headers. If you get a ball chipped over your head what is a defender going to do but head the ball. It is probably the right play because at least it stops play, but I also saw where if you do that too many times you will get a yellow card, so hopefully people don't use it to their advantage too much."

Shawsheen Cross Country coach Pat Kelly and his team won't be dealing with nearly as many rules changes as their soccer counterparts, but he knows it will still be an adjustment period for he and the other coaches, along with the student athletes. Regardless of any changes, Kelly, like Michaud is simply happy to be back coaching his team.

"I'm thrilled. It's exciting that the kids get to have a season. High school sports are very important for kids," Kelly said. "It helps in so many ways, and is so beneficial for kids to participate."

And while the changes will not be as drastic for cross country as for some other sports, some adjustments will have to be made. But Kelly is more than happy to adapt if that means a return to competition.

"For us, things will be fairly the same. There will be some changes, like no running in groups and starts and finishes will certainly be different, with staggered starts," Kelly said. "We, along with a lot of other schools, will have to change our course in order to allow for social distancing while passing. But we are fortunate where we have a campus where we are able to make those changes."

One thing that might be more of a factor in cross country than in some of the other sports will be the athletes off season preparation for the upcoming season. Basically, if an athlete has put in the miles of training over the summer, they might be at a great

advantage. Or, it could also work in the opposite direction. And it also changes how Kelly and other cross country coaches will approach the season.

"I think it changes our approach a little bit, just because of the way it is set up. Normally there are championship meets at the end of the season, so we want kids to be at their best on the last day," Kelly said. "Without that this season, you need very race to be your best race, because your record will determine the league championship. - I really hope that kids were running in the off season and staying in shape. The team that has worked hardest in the off season is going to be able to come out of the gates flying and have a huge advantage."

The decision to push volleyball to the Fall II season was a difficult one in some ways, but according to Costabile, it makes all the sense in the world, not just for the safety of the student athletes, but for the entire student body at Shawsheen.

"I like volleyball being switched," Costabile said. "A lot of people are using their gymnasium for reopening the school. The gymnasium provides a great opportunity for social distancing for all of our students, so we want it to be available to help keep our students safe. Also, with volleyball being an indoor sport, they won't be so affected by the weather then they try and start their season on February 22."

Of course, weather will be a factor for football as well other sports that will be getting underway on February 22. Costabile, who is the Rams Football coach as well as being their athletic director understands why the decision was made to move the sport to the Fall II season, but he also sees the potential for some very challenging weather conditions.

"I have been an athletic director for a long time and when spring sports

start in the third week of March, more often than not, they are delayed because there is snow on the ground, so I can imagine it being very difficult to start in late February," Costabile said.

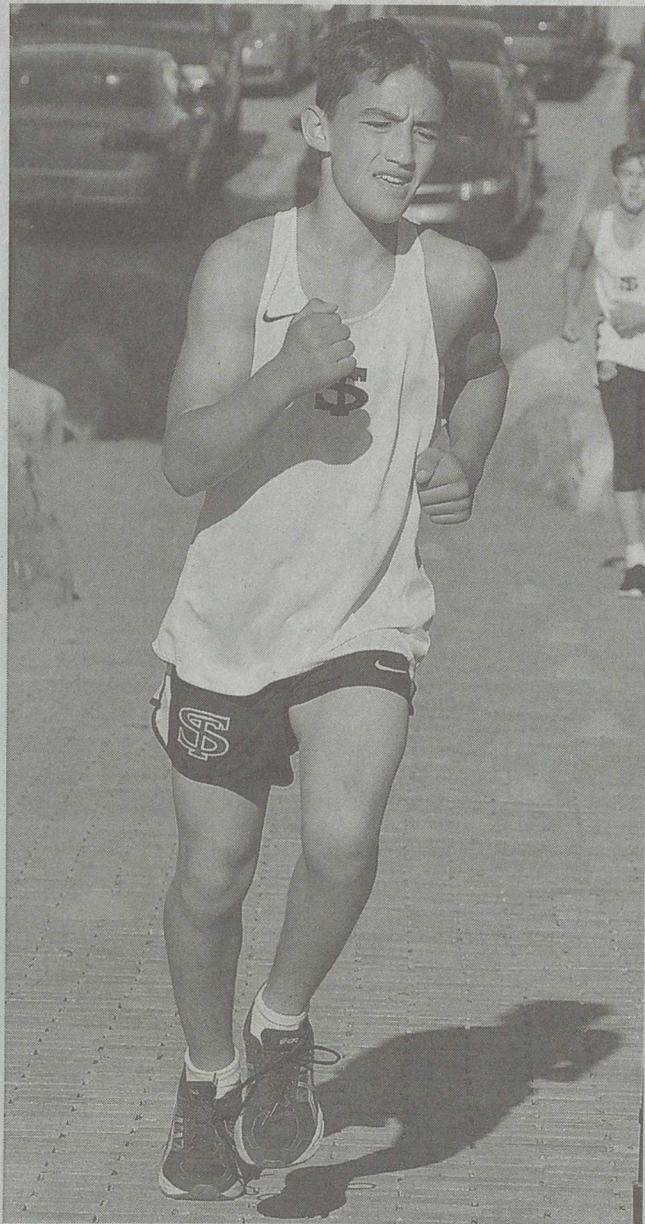
Another factor that Costabile and other football coaches will need to adjust to whenever their season does start will be potential rules changes to their sport.

"There will be a lot of modifications, just like soccer and other sports, and the game may be unrecognizable in some ways," Costabile said. "They haven't come out with the modifications yet, but I would think they will be very detailed and the game will be very different."

Whatever changes are made to football and to other sports, the most important thing to Costabile and the rest of the Shawsheen administration is that sports are back for their student athletes, and they are thrilled to see those athletes back on the playing fields of Shawsheen, while also understanding there might be some trepidation among parents allowing their children to participate.

In his letter to the Shawsheen community, Superintendent Jackson closed his statement with this thought.

"Ultimately, the decision regarding whether or not your student will participate in either Golf, Cross Country, Boys' Soccer or Girls' Soccer lies with you, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of our students," Jackson said. "We have worked hard to put together a plan that reflects our focus on student and staff safety while recognizing the importance of maintaining a sense of normalcy for our students in general and reflecting our belief that interscholastic sports plays an important role in many of our students' lives. Go Rams!"



Joe D'Ampolo of the Shawsheen Tech Boys XC team will be looking to this season finally getting underway in less than two weeks. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Tewksbury Youth Boys Basketball League gives update

This release was sent out by Tewksbury Youth Boys Basketball League President Steve DiPalma, and the rest of the Board of Directors of the League.

To our TBBL members and community: It has been several months since we last communicated (May 24th to be exact) and with the summer coming to a close and school starting, we wanted to touch base on where we are relative to the upcoming season. If you recall from the May 24th league corre-

spondence, we were going to take a wait and see approach and hold off until at least August on some key league events to include applications and selection of travel coaches as well as travel tryouts.

Now three months further into the pandemic, we have made strides as a society and community in taking the necessary precautions and following the state guidelines to allow for some of the everyday activities to restart or at least be modified.

Having said that, there are some big hurdles we

have not cleared including school restarting as well as any large gatherings especially those occurring indoors or in close proximity of contact.

Basketball finds itself right in the middle of those conditions. We are not any more knowledgeable in what the future holds for a season than where we were in May other than the phased approach outlined by Governor Baker. As a board, one can assume with some level of certainty that much of how we come through these next

2-4 months will greatly shape and determine the viability of sports and gatherings of any sizes that involve close contact, take place indoors or both for the months that follow.

We will continue to wait for new information, additional guidance from our state and local elected officials, school administrators, and league representatives. Once we have more information we will pass along to our members and as a board determine what that means for the 2020-2021 season.

A look back at 50-plus years of Wilmington Pop Warner

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Pop Warner Football has been an icon across this country for many, many years. In fact, Pop Warner was named after Glenn Scobey (Pop) Warner, who had the longest continuous coaching career in America at the time of 46 years, who also started youth football in this country. He was the one who, as a collegiate coach, originated many of the simple things that still stand today in the game such as the single wing offense, the screen pass, the punt and he was the one who had the players wear shoulder and thigh pads.

Pop Warner Football spread across the country and today 44 states offer the sport and over 425,000 children participate between football players and cheerleaders.

Here in Wilmington, Pop Warner Football started in 1963 and today the program is still standing strong in its 50th year. Back in 1963, 22 boys were part of the program, which was started by Rico Catalano and former WHS standout quarterback Dicky Allard. Six years later in 1969, there were three teams, A, B and C and the weight limits were 115, 105 and 95 pounds respectively. At that time each team also had a cheerleading squad made up of 12 girls on each team, while 45 girls were named to the Pep Squad. Back then the Wilmington teams were known as 'The Chargers' and mostly played their games at the Town Park or at the high school, before eventually switching to play their home games at the Glen Road School, while being affiliated with Pop Warner, and taking on the town's nickname of the Wildcats.

Today the program is as strong as ever with hundreds of football players and cheerleaders making up six different teams (A, B, C, D1, D2 and E) and they all compete in the Middlesex League. Debbie Smith is in her eighth year as the league's president, by far the longest stint of the previous four presidents dating back to the early 1990s.

This Saturday, Smith along with many other league volunteers, current and past coaches, parents and players, will be on hand at the League's 50th Anniversary Gala which will be held at the Montvale Ave Plaza in Stoneham. The large group of people gather together to celebrate 50 years of Wilmington children putting on their equipment and uniforms each and every week over a three month span over the last five decades. They will celebrate knowing that thousands upon thousands of children who grew up playing Pop Warner here in Wilmington, went on to play at the high school, college and professional levels, or have come back to volunteer their own time in the program, or who have started their own family and now bring their own sons and daughters to the fields today. The same Glen Road Field they played on some years ago.

Here's a timeline of some of the program's highlights over the last 50 years.

1963

The first team was named 'The Tigers' and they played their games at the Glen Road School, including a 30-2 victory over Winchester. After that win, the team announced it was hosting "A Hootenanny" to raise money for the team's uniforms. The team was coached by Bill Lane and

the assistants were Toni Toti and Jimmy Gillis, who a year earlier played for the high school team. Some of the team members included: Paul Fullerton, Buddy Chamberlain, Bill Gustus, Chuck Casey, Bill Pichowicz, Mark O'Reilly, Gary Irwin, Louis Maglio, Eddie Gillis and Ralph DeLisle.

1964

The team was composed of kids aged 11 to 13 including: Paul Coolidge, Tim Loundsbury, Jim Ring, Ricky Meehan, Dave O'Connell, Bill Farnum, John McNevin, Joe Langone, Dickie Gillis, Jimmy Tildsley, Tom Mazzipica, Ricky Everett and Bobby Capozzi.

1965-1967

In 1965, a young kid named Mike Esposito was a member of the Chargers. Then in 1966 the A Team was led by quarterback Paul Lyman, while the team's co-captains were Dickie Gillis and Rick Smallidge. Among the highlights for the team was a 28-0 win over Stoneham, while that team won the first ever Dual County League Championship title. Some of the other members of the team included Leo Campbell, Mark Jepson, Bobby Gillis, Sid Tildsley and Steve Holloway. Also in '66, the league's first president was named, George Nelson. He was a World War II Veteran. Today he's 86 years old and works for FTS as a Senior Electrical Engineer.

In 1967, the first 'Bumper Sticker-Decal Drive' was held. That year some of the members of the team included Esposito, Jack Holloway, Campbell, Jepson, Ray Noel and Rick Howlett and that team ended up taking second place at the Staten Island Statue of Liberty Bowl Game.

1968

This was a very special season in Wilmington. The A Team, playing in the Suburban Pop Warner Football Conference, finished 11-0 on the season. They played their games that season at the high school during the day and at the Town Park for night games. They opened the season up with convincing wins over Belmont (42-20) and Saugus (32-12) before winning five of their next six games by shut out. They closed out the last three regular season games with wins over Wayland, 20-6, Reading 68-8 and then Winchester 26-12. That put the team into the Staten Island Statue of Liberty Bowl Game for the second straight year and this time Wilmington came away with a 22-6 victory.

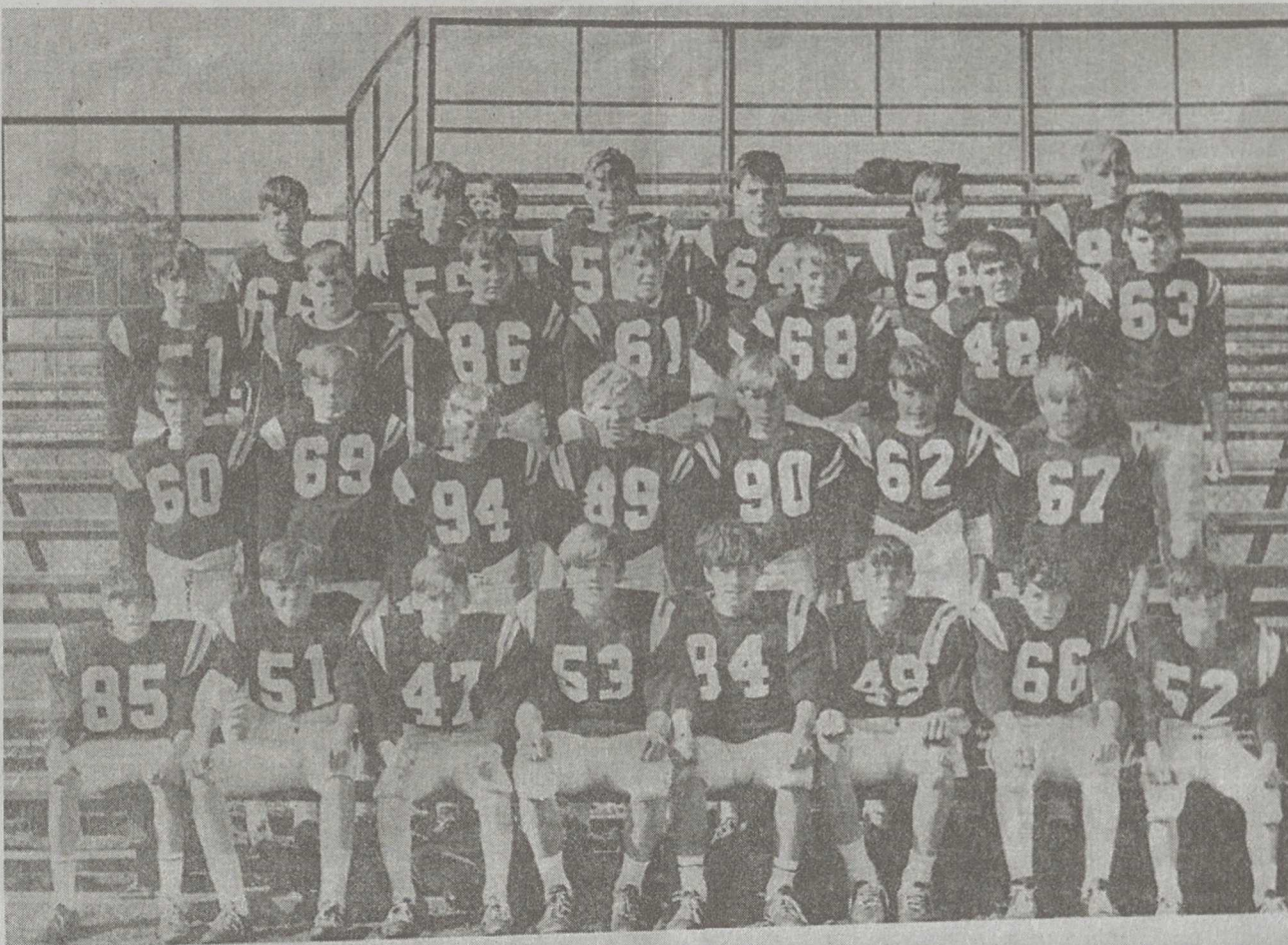
That team was coached by Paul Marigan with assistants Connie Barry and Ken Cleary. Members of the team included: Robert Smith, David Bloom, Arthur Gilbert, Theron Barden, James DuBuis, Michael Mahoney, Philip Morrissey, Dennis Sullivan, Stephen Coursey, Ray Noel, Peter O'Rourke, James Duffy, Robert Chesney, Stephen DeLisle, Clayton Wentzell, Paul Olson, Barry Aruda, Kevin Mullarkey, Gregory Coolidge, Mark Nelson, Leo Campbell, John Gillis, Rick Howlett, Stephen Peterson, Tom Aprile, Stephen Winston, Jackie Holloway and John Stygles.

The A Team cheerleaders were coached by Mrs. Catalano, who earlier in the season had made the team's uniforms.

At the end of the season, the league said good-bye to Connie Barry at the American Legion Hall. He was leaving town to enter the US Navy.

1969-1970

Highlights of that 1969 season included a 20-12



The 1970 Wilmington Pop Warner A Team played in the 13th Annual Statue of Liberty Bowl Game in Staten Island. Carl Butler and Bob Bavota were the captains. The Head Coach was Connie Barry and the rest of the staff included Paul Merrigan, Ken Cleary and Larry Noel as assistant coaches and Rico Catalano as Director.

(courtesy photo).

win over the Staten Island New York Midgets. In that win, Richie Dunn and Jack Stygles had touchdowns in the third period to break the game open. The game was held in Wilmington for the first time. At halftime of the game, the Wilmington Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps played. Also the parents of the players from Staten Island stayed at the Holiday Inn, and the players stayed with hosts in town.

The highlights from the 1970 season included the 'A' team finishing 5-4-1 and playing at Turkin Field in New York on November 28th. The members of that team included: Greg Lyman, John Moran, Captain Carl Butler, Dana Mullarkey, Doug McLain, John Gigliotti, Captain Robert Bavota, Marty Begonis, Marty Tildsley, Robert Burns, John Quinn, Dan Hurley, John Dunn, Robert Peterson, James Stygles, Robert Dorval, Dale Martin, Stephen Bavota, Thomas Buckley, John Quinno, Brian Anderson, Donald O'Connell, William Carroll, John Andrews, John Krasznakewicz, William Sinopoli, Thomas Richards, Chris DiCecca, Richard Zwahlen, John Boudreau, William Bibeau and Kevin Cameron. The coaches included Paul Merigan, Ken Cleary, Larry Noel and Rico Catalano.

After the season was completed, Rico Catalano announced that he was retiring from involvement in the league.

Aside from the football, the cheerleaders also had a very good season including winning the Dual County League Region title for the third straight year. That team included Mascot Elena-Maria Catalano, Jay Garden, Gail Smith, Captain Paula Kavanaugh, Janet

Lawrenson, Barbara Moulton, Donna Mullins, Kathy Barry, Cindy Jepson and Ann Marie Breakey, while the coaches were Janet Flaherty and Peggy Barry.

1970-2009

In 1972, Fred Cain paid for the team to participate in the game in New York. Shortly after that the league was shut down for a little while before it started back up again this time as Wilmington Pop Warner, Inc., behind the efforts of Leonard Howard, John Holloway, Ray Ventura and John Cushing and the games were then switched from Town Park to the Glen Road, which has been the home of the league ever since. In 1978, the year that John Ritchie was named the new varsity coach at Wilmington High School, the cost to play Pop Warner was \$15.00 per child.

In 1982, now with four full teams of A through D the respective coaches were Jack Calendrello, Joe Murphy, Joe Lyons and Bill Lee, while the cheerleading coaches were Nancy Miano for the A team, Donna Patterson and Deanna Sampson for the B team, Linda Briggs and Denise DeLucia for C and Dawn Borenstein for the D team. At that time, during the middle of the '82 season, an advertisement ran in the Town Crier where the a local Finance Committee was looking to hire a secretary to make \$3.84 an hour.

In 1999, the C Team had a 12-0 win over Reading to go to 8-0 on the season. The team was led by quarterback Joe Herra and coached by Steve Layton, Paul Terranova, Bob McCarthy and Rob Patterson. Later that same season, from December 8-12, the A Team Cheerleaders under

the direction of current league president Debbie Smith, finished first at the Middlesex League, Eastern Mass and New England competitions, before taking fourth at the Nationals. That year was the start of what has been an incredible ride for the cheerleaders from Wilmington, who have gone on to have six different squads take National Championships, as well as countless number of league, regional, state and New England titles.

In 2000, the Jr. Pee Wee Football team won the New England Regional Championship and in 2003 the same team won the state title and lost in the New England finals.

In 2007, the D1 team lost 7-0 to East Lynn in the Eastern Mass Championship game played at Malden Catholic High School. Several members of that team included James O'Regan, Ryan Carroccino, Matt Penney and Nick Cimaglia, who are four current players on this year's high school team. That team was coached by Brian Hiltz, Rich Carroccino, Tim Penney, Mike Flynn, Wayne Humphrey and Lou Cimaglia.

In 2008, the program was pleased to announce that for the first time in league history, three members of its organization were named to the All-American Little Scholar Team. Over 7,800 football and cheerleaders applied and all of them had to have at least a 96 percent rate on their report card as well as commit to many off the field activities and making the grade were Brendan Ahern, Brian Priem and Sarah Rakers.

The next year, October 9th, 2009 to be exact put a huge dark cloud over the program. That was the day the program received

national attention for the wrong reason. A parent and a coach on a team ended up fighting behind the snack shack. Charges were filed, a trial was held and a not guilty verdict was given out, which ended the controversy.

2010-Present

In 2010, the Pee Wee team went undefeated and were crowned the New England Regional Champions.

The year 2013 was a banner year as the B Football team went to the Eastern Mass Finals for the third straight year, following successful runs as a D and C Teams. After beating Lawrence for the Eastern Mass title, the Wildcats were defeated by North County Panthers, 12-6, in the state championship game.

Also that year, the C Cheerleaders were National Champions.

In 2014, the A Football team lost to Everett in the Eastern Mass semi-finals, while the C Cheerleaders were National and Grand National Champions.

The following year, 2015, the C Team captured the Eastern Mass Championship before moving on to Foley Field in Worcester, losing to North Attleboro, 32-14, despite strong performances by Shane Roberts, Dylan Timmons, Brian Gallucci, Diondre Turner and Adam LeBlanc.

In 2016, both the B and C Football teams made it to the playoffs, losing to Reading (33-12) and Chelmsford (50-30), respectively.

Then in 2019, the D Cheerleading team captured the National Championship title in Florida, while, the B Team finished second.

Information on the league over the last 50 years was provided by



Wilmington resident Mark Nelson, shown here running the ball during the 1968 Staten Island Game in which Wilmington prevailed, 22-6. (courtesy photo).



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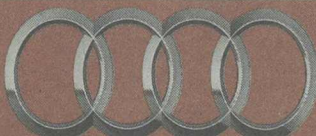
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